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**Amir to speak to the nation**

KUWAIT, May 2. (KUNA): HH the Amir will address the nation at 10 pm tonight on the occasion of the last two days of the holy month of Ramadan.

Both the radio and television will broadcast the speech.

## NEWSWATCH



**Survivors**

An injured woman and her child are the only survivors left of a seven-member family in Shaturia, a Bangladesh village devastated by last week's tornado. (Reuters wire-photo)

**Narrow escape**

LONDON, May 2. (Reuters): A British Airways Boeing 747 responding to a US warship's final warning in the Gulf last year nearly collided with another aircraft, a British newspaper reported today.

The Independent, quoting an unpublished International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) report, said the plane narrowly escaped being shot at a month before the USS Vincennes shot down an Iran Air Airbus in July.

The newspaper said the 747 was approaching Dubai on a flight to India when it picked up by chance a US warship's radio challenge almost identical to the final one received by the Iranian plane before it was shot down by surface-to-air missiles, killing all 290 on board.

The warship issuing the warning was not identified.

**Capital flight**

DUBAI, May 2. (Reuters): Arab countries, save for the richest Gulf oil producers, suffer from economic policies which encourage citizens to send their money abroad unofficially, a leading regional economist said.

People try to build up foreign currency assets abroad to escape the effects of inflation and unrealistic official exchange and interest rates at home, said Henry Azzam, chief economist at Gulf International Bank.

Such capital flight, even when narrowly defined as an increase in private foreign deposits, seriously aggravates the external debt of Arab countries, he said in an article for Arab Banker magazine, received today.

**US agents**

WASHINGTON, May 2. (KUNA): In an unprecedented move, US Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner has asked friendly governments in Europe and the Middle East for permission to station US anti-terrorist agents in their countries, it was reported here yesterday.

**Sailors detained**

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, May 2. (Reuters): Egyptian police arrested two Filipino sailors yesterday on drug charges carrying the death penalty, security sources said.

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# Oil price will rise to \$26, predicts Fahd

Iran's geographical position can't be ignored

By Ahmed Jarallah

IN a wide-ranging interview with the Arab Times, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia has predicted that the price of oil will rise to \$26 per barrel by the beginning of next year and added: "Iran is geographically situated opposite us across the Gulf and neither we nor Iran can change this status-quo."

He said: "We are committed to a fixed production volume and as a result, price rates have maintained good levels. At times, the prices had even exceeded projected levels."

He added, should OPEC countries commit themselves to the current production volume, oil prices will show an improvement.

"World markets have often tried to counteract the fixed production policy. The situation has also undergone considerable change when governments decided to reduce energy consumption. The markets have been able to save seven million barrels per day, by committing themselves to the 'reduce consumption policy'," the King added.

However, he said, violating production quotas is not in the interests of the kingdom and similarly not in the interest of oil producing countries — be it OPEC or non-OPEC members.

Returning to the issue of the type of relations that should prevail in the region after the end of the Iran-Iraq war, the King said that basically, the reasons of the war were economical and motivated by economic pressures.

As for Saudi Arabia, it does not need anything from Iran other than mutual respect and "we will be proud when our relations with them are based on good neighbourly relations and mutual respect." In this context, the King said Iraq too desires such relations at this level with Iran. "Neither of the parties can ignore the geographic locations," the King added.

Categorically commenting, Fahd said that the present condition prevailing in the world dictates that in solving economic crisis, "co-operation and not war is their key-word."

The non-aggression agreement signed between Saudi Arabia and Iraq recently includes clauses that are present in agreements signed between Arab countries a long time ago. "We have decided to authenticate them in an agreement between Saudi Arabia and Iraq," he said. "The agreement is a reflection that relations should be controlled among Arab countries."

On the establishment of the Arab Co-operation Council, Fahd said



Fahd: Lebanon crisis must end

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that all the present Arab gatherings are tributes that pour their water into the Arab League and its charter justifies the existence of such gatherings. Thus, "we support any gathering that finally leads to achieving the idea of the Arab League," he said. These councils and gatherings were instituted to reflect that the Arab Council and gatherings have been designed to support the role of the Arab League," he added.

On the Lebanese situation, the King said: "We as Arabs must put an end to the terrible tragedy that is ongoing in Lebanon." It is worth every effort and sacrifice to restore peace and stability in that country, he added.

"Therefore, all we hope for is that the Arab six-man committee will be successful in its efforts and all concerned parties will become fully aware of the tragic situation in Lebanon," he said.

"This is the concern of all, both at the international and local level. It is very essential to have the flexibility needed to wrap up the Lebanese issue."

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## Aoun relents Fighting may delay observers

KUWAIT, May 2. (Agencies): Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, head of a Arab League committee mediating in Lebanon, hinted today that Arab observers would not be deployed to monitor a ceasefire there unless it was strictly observed.

"We are not prepared to sacrifice any Arab under shelling and the exchange of gunfire," Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah was quoted as saying by the Kuwaiti News Agency KUNA.

Arab League foreign ministers meeting in Tunis decided last week to send a 312-man force to Lebanon to monitor a ceasefire.

Forces loyal to Christian commander Michel Aoun and Syrian troops and their militia allies, who have been fighting savage artillery battles for the past six weeks, agreed to the ceasefire.

Christian Army commander Gen. Michel Aoun today said he was willing to suspend his blockade of ports run by Syrian-backed Muslim militias to end an eight-week conflict that has killed 278 people.

Aoun made the offer in a 90-minute news conference a few hours after shelling duels between Christian and Syrian gunners in and around Beirut killed two people and wounded eight.

Sheikh Sabah said two Arab League mediators would head to Lebanon from Damascus later today or tomorrow to arrange for the force deployment.

In Damascus, one of the mediators, Kuwaiti Ambassador to Syria Ahmed Abdel Aziz Al Jassam, said he and Arab League representative Lakhdar Ibrahim had already started contacts to prepare for their mission.



A Palestinian girl holding her bleeding head is rushed away after a clash with police. (Reuters wirephoto)

## 'Jihad only way to fight Israel'

## Shamir appoints elections team

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 2. (Agencies): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has appointed a team to work out details of his Palestinian elections proposal, and one issue on its agenda is active US involvement in supervising the balloting, a spokesman said today.

Shamir spokesman Yossi Ahimeir said the premier has appointed a team to work out a blueprint for elections. Similar teams have been set at the foreign and defence ministries.

He said the team is headed by top Shamir aide Yossi Ben-Aharon and includes cabinet secretary Elyakim Rubinstein, former military government head in the occupied lands Menachem Milson, counter-terror adviser Yigal Karmon and two officials who participated in talks on Palestinian autonomy with Egypt in 1979-1981.

Ahimeir said detailed "recommendations on the advantages and disadvantages" of various tactics would be brought to a ministerial committee.

The underground leadership of the Islamic Resistance Movement known as Hamas said today that a holy war was the only way to combat Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"While the Arab leadership is moving towards peaceful solutions, the enemy's leadership is rejecting publicly all talks and increases its repression... the only effective means against the occupation is jihad (holy war)," it said.

In the occupied lands, 11 Arabs were wounded in stone-throwing clashes with troops, hospital officials reported. They said seven were wounded in the West Bank cities of Nablus and Hebron and four in the Gaza Strip, including a 7-year-old girl with a serious gunshot wound to the head.

## US will pull out if WHO admits PLO as member

WASHINGTON, May 2. (Agencies): The United States said yesterday it would pull out of the World Health Organisation if the United Nations agency admitted the PLO as a member state.

Such a move would cost the organisation one-quarter of its operating budget.

Spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said: "We feel very, very strongly about this."

She said the US position is that the US vigorously opposes the PLO becoming a full member of WHO or any other UN agency. She said: "Political questions such as this shouldn't be on the UN agenda."

She said that the United States would withhold its dues to the organisation to underline its opposition to the implicit recognition of the PLO as a full-fledged state. The US contribution amounts to 25 per cent, or \$73.8 million, in the next year's fiscal budget.

The organisation is expected to vote next week in Geneva on the question of admitting or rejecting the PLO application for full membership. A majority vote by the member nations would admit the PLO, changing its status from an observer delegation.

US Secretary of State James Baker has informed the Arab ambassadors and the Arab League representative in Washington that the US-Palestinian dialogue will be affected negatively if the PLO and the Arab states insist on making the Palestinian state a member in UN organisations, press reports said in Abu Dhabi today.

A high ranking Palestinian source anticipated that a third round of US-Palestinian dialogue will be conducted during the last week of May.

## Kuwait supports Jordan

KUWAIT, May 2. (Agencies): HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah returned to Kuwait after a short visit to Amman where he held talks with Jordan's King Hussein yesterday.

Sheikh Saad and Hussein discussed the situation in Jordan following a wave of rioting over price increases, a royal palace official said, in Amman yesterday.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the King briefed Sheikh Saad about "the latest incidents that took place in the southern cities of Jordan and how (the situation) later stabilised."

The visit came amid reports that the Gulf Co-operation Council states were discussing additional aid to Jordan, where economic difficulties triggered four days of rioting last month.

But the official Jordan news agency, Petra said Sheikh Saad told reporters on arrival that his country

"holds special feelings of respect and sincerity for dear Jordan."

He also said: "We have followed with concern the developments that took place in some areas of Jordan and I have found it necessary to come here... and to reiterate the depth of the brotherly and unique relations between both countries and their people."

"The security and stability of Jordan are the security and stability of Kuwait."

Hussein has blamed his country's economic difficulties on the failure of richer Arab states to fulfil a 1978 pledge of \$1.25 billion in aid, spread over 10 years.

Kuwait reduced regular cash payments under the 10-year accord in 1984 and ceased them in 1985. It has since made unpublishised free shipments of oil products to Jordan.

Kuwait originally was to pay almost \$200 million

## 'Revise PLO charter' Arafat meets Mitterrand

PARIS, May 2. (Agencies): Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat had an unprecedented official meeting with President Francois Mitterrand today but the French leader tempered the PLO chief's diplomatic triumph by suggesting he scrap a key clause in the PLO charter that calls for the destruction of Israel, the Elysee Palace said.

"It was a very successful and fruitful meeting that brings forward the peace process in the Middle East," a beaming Arafat said as he left the Elysee presidential palace after 90 minutes of talks with Mitterrand.

But presidential spokesman Hubert Vedrine said Mitterrand had asked Arafat to revise the PLO charter during the meeting. Israel has often pointed to the charter, adopted in 1964, as contradicting blatantly Arafat's renunciation of terrorism last year, which led to the opening of a US-PLO dialogue last December.

"During the talks, Francois Mitterrand noted the fact that the PLO charter, adopted in 1964, remaining in force was contrary to some important points of the political programme adopted by the Palestine National Council at Algiers on Nov 15 and that it was necessary, as he sees it, to clarify this matter," Vedrine told reporters.

Mitterrand told Arafat France would continue to work for an international conference on peace in the Middle East with the aim of giving Palestinians a homeland while maintaining the security of an Israeli state, the Elysee spokesman said.

Mitterrand also asked Arafat to explain his point of view on the Israeli proposal for elections in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip, Vedrine said.

Despite the strong remonstrance about the charter, political commentators said the meeting — the PLO chairman's first in an official capacity with the head of a Western state with permanent membership of the UN Security Council — was a major diplomatic triumph for Arafat.

The French government all but accorded Arafat full honours normally reserved for a visiting head of state.

A smiling Arafat arrived at Orly airport at 10.40 am (0840 GMT) on a specially chartered Iraq Airways flight from Tunis, site of the PLO headquarters.

He was greeted by a French government minister, Secretary of State for International Cultural Relations Thierry de Beauce, in a reception hall at the airport used for official welcoming ceremonies.

A red carpet led the way to the airport reception room, but the PLO leader did not receive full military honours reserved for visiting heads of state.

At the Elysee, Arafat was allowed to fly a Palestinian flag on the automobile that drove him to the courtyard. But Mitterrand did not come out onto the steps of the presidential palace to meet the PLO chief as he would for a head of state.



Arafat is presented a bouquet by a little girl on arrival in Paris. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Arafat aide in Lebanon shot dead in ambush

### Senior Fatah official

SIDON, May 2. (Agencies): A masked gunman in this southern port city today assassinated the personal aide of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, security sources said.

They said the assassin, using an automatic rifle, fired several bullets at Issam Salem as he was shopping in broad daylight in Sidon, 24 miles (39 km) from Beirut.

Salem, also known as El Loah, was hit and critically wounded in the head, and was rushed to a nearby hospital where he died during emergency surgery, the sources said.

Salem, in his late 40's, was a senior official of the PLO's mainstream group, Fatah, and the personal aide of Arafat in Lebanon.

No group claimed responsibility for the killing.

Salem became the second high-ranking Arafat aide to be the target of assassination within four days in Sidon, Lebanon's third-largest city, 25 miles (40 kilometres) south of Beirut.

Zeid Wehbi, the official spokesman of Arafat's mainstream Fatah faction in Lebanon, escaped assassination on Saturday when a rocket-propelled grenade was fired at his Sidon house.

Two passers-by were wounded by bomb shrapnel, according to police.

There was no claim of responsibility for either attack.

In Paris, where PLO chairman Yasser Arafat met with President Francois Mitterrand, a PLO official said Salem died in the attack.

## Jumbo engine explodes

MANILA, May 2. (AP): A Saudi Arabian jumbo jet with 93 people aboard returned to Manila today after one of its engines exploded about 20 minutes into a flight to Riyadh, airport officials said.

Airport and airline employees were reluctant to give details but said no one was injured, and that the explosion apparently resulted from a mechanical failure rather than sabotage.

Manila control tower technician Andy Abuan said flight controllers monitored the explosion and advised the pilot of Saudi flight 389 to turn back.

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## Reds stepping up urban killings to offset defeats: Aquino

MANILA, May 2. (Reuters): Philippine President Corason Aquino said today communist rebels had stepped up urban murders to offset rural defeats.

Aquino told reporters she had ordered her security command to prevent a repetition of a street ambush on Sunday in which rebels shot dead two presidential guards out buying groceries.

The rebels were losing in the countryside "and so in their desire to gain publicity, they are now getting victims here in the urban

areas," she said.

It was the third Manila street ambush in 10 days. In the earlier attacks a US Army colonel and a food company security officer were killed.

In central Sorsogon province, five guerrillas were killed and five militiamen wounded yesterday when about 150 rebels attacked a militia outpost, the military said on Tuesday.

A businessman said at least eight of nine alleged communist rebels killed by soldiers in

a weekend gunbattle were actually civilians employed at his fish farm, Manila newspaper reported today.

Two outspoken senators today said they would oppose Aquino's plan to drop the long-pending claim to the Malaysian state of Sabah.

Aquino met last week with the heirs of the Sultan of Sulu, who suggested that the government relinquish the Sabah claim and seek a settlement with Kuala Lumpur of their proprietary rights over the territory.



## Bonn steps up campaign for missile talks

BONN, May 2, (AP): West Germany turned to NATO leaders in other European countries today in search of ways to overcome US and British opposition to negotiating reductions in short-range nuclear missiles.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's proposal for superpower talks to reduce short-range atomic arsenals has created a sharp dispute within the Western alliance, with both

the United States and Britain saying such negotiations could endanger Western security.

In an attempt to gain support for West Germany's position, Kohl headed to Rome today and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher was bound for Paris for talks with French leaders.

Italy has said it agrees with West Germany on starting up negotiations on the

short-range missiles, but France has not made its position clear.

West Germany claims it has the support of nearly half of NATO's 16 member nations.

"Naturally the German view must have a special weight (in the ongoing discussions) because the Lance (short-range nuclear) rockets are on our soil and because our Army represents the largest

conventional contribution (in West Germany) to the common Western security," Genscher told the Frankfurter Rundschau newspaper.

The United States has proposed that NATO make unilateral cuts in its battlefield nuclear weapons to help bridge sharp divisions in the alliance over the issue, a NATO official said today in Brussels.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Cabinet shakeup

NAIROBI, Kenya, May 2, (AP): President Daniel arap Moi has replaced his beleaguered vice president in a cabinet shakeup that leaves Kenya's major tribe out of the government's top two jobs for the first time since independence.

Moi named George Saitoti, the finance minister and a former professor of mathematics at the University of Nairobi, as the country's sixth vice president since it broke away from Britain 25 years ago.

#### Investigation

SEOUL, South Korea, May 2, (AP): South Korea's main intelligence agency said today it was investigating the leaders of the two main opposition parties in connection with a candidate's illegal visit to communist North Korea.

The agency for National Security Planning said it questioned Kim Dae-jung Monday night about the Rev. Moon Il-hwan's visit to the North, but fellow opposition leader Kim Young-sam refused to be interviewed.

#### Inheritance

TOKYO, May 2, (AP): The palace has decided that only Emperor Akihito and his mother, the empress dowager, will inherit the late Emperor Hirohito's private property, news reports said today.

Kyodo News Service said the Imperial Household Agency has decided to ask 11 other imperial successors to waive their rights of inheritance.

#### FSX jet deal

WASHINGTON, May 2, (UPI): The first move on Capitol Hill to block the FSX jet fighter deal with Japan was made yesterday by Democratic Senator Alan Dixon of Illinois, who called the proposed agreement a give-away to Japan.

President Bush on Friday announced agreement with Japan on the controversial project, a programme in which the United States would get about a 40 per cent share of the development of the plane, an updated version of the F-16 built by General Dynamics.

#### Masayoshi Ito

TOKYO, May 2, (AP): Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita, who has announced his resignation amid a wide-reaching bribery scandal, was expected next week to ask former Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito to succeed him, sources said on Monday.

After Takeshita announced his resignation last Tuesday, Secretary General Shintaro Abe and chief cabinet secretary Keizo Obuchi of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party informally asked Ito to take the job. But Ito, 75 and ailing, said he had no intention to do so.

#### Veterans group

WASHINGTON, May 2, (AP): An activist veterans group that believes there still are US prisoners of war in Indonesia is seeking a country that will offer asylum to anyone who brings out a living POW, a spokesman for the group said Monday.

Ted Sampley, head of the National Steering Committee for American War Veterans, said the organisation believes it can get an American out within six months after asylum is guaranteed.

#### Charles' visit

ANKARA, May 2, (Reuters): Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, will pay a one-day visit to Ankara on May 12, the Turkish Foreign Ministry said today.

"Prince Charles will meet President Kenan Evren and Prime Minister Turgut Ozal during the private visit," ministry spokesman Inal Batu said. He gave no other details.

#### \$4,000 reward

JOHANNESBURG, May 2, (UPI): The South African government condemned today the assassination of a white human rights activist regarded as an authority on state repression and pledged "no stone will be left unturned" in arresting his killers.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said a 10,000 rand (\$4,000) reward had been posted for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killers of activist and senior university lecturer David J. Webster, gunned down outside his home on Monday.



Opposition protests

Paraguayans went to the polls on Monday to choose a new president and congress in elections marred by allegations of rigged voting lists, stolen slips and voter intimidation. Picture at left shows opposition demonstrators protesting against government supporters in downtown Asuncion. At right, acting President Andres Rodriguez raises his arms with confidence after voting at a polling station in Asuncion. (Reuters wirephoto)



### Improvement

#### \$1.9b for B-1

WASHINGTON, May 2, (Reuters): The US Air Force wants to spend \$1.9 billion to improve the troubled B-1 bomber over the next five years and \$298 million this year on development of the B-2 Stealth bomber, Defence Department officials said yesterday.

The major B-1 cost would be \$725 million to fix problems in the aircraft's radar jamming and other electronic counter-measures equipment.



Russian rock band

Underground Russian rock band 'Avia' poses in London with the Houses of Parliament in the background. The band from Leningrad, are on their first tour outside Russia. The members are from left Alexander Kondrashkin, Alexei Rakhov, Nikolay Gusev, Marat Timergazov (known as the Voice of the People), Jerya Zhidancov and Lena Bobretsova. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Sinhalese attack Army garrison

Militants beaten back, three killed

COLOMBO, May 2, (AP): Soldiers at Sri Lanka's largest Army garrison today beat back Sinhalese militants who attacked the camp with grenades and automatic rifles, a military official said.

At least three militants were killed and five soldiers injured in the raid, which was launched during a heavy downpour at 1.30 a.m. (2000 GMT yesterday), said the official, who cannot be identified under briefing rules.

Earlier reports said one militant was killed. He said at least 100 militants attacked the Panagoda Army garrison, 20 kilometres (12 miles) southeast of Colombo, which usually holds between 10,000 and 15,000 soldiers.

The attack was the biggest raid on an Army post by the militants since they launched an anti-government campaign in 1987 to protest peace overtures to Tamil rebels.

The militants have attacked Army camps and police stations in the past to get weapons. The military official said the attackers penetrated the Panagoda garrison's perimeter and came within yards (metres) of its armory before being repulsed.

Army helicopters and foot patrols searched rice paddies and jungles around the camp for the militants, many of whom are believed to be injured, he said.

He said authorities thought the attackers belonged to the People's Liberation Front, an ultranationalist Sinhalese group.

The government has blamed the front for the killings of at least 3,000 people, mostly government officials and supporters, since Sri Lanka signed a peace accord in July 1987 aimed at ending a Tamil insurrection that started in 1983.

At least 25 imprisoned Tamil rebels yesterday overpowered Indian soldiers guarding a jail in northern Sri Lanka and escaped with weapons and ammunition, residents said.

A trader in Vavuniya town, north of Colombo, said by telephone he saw at least 25 armed Tamil youths running past his house.

Meanwhile, suspected Sinhalese militants ambushed a police patrol jeep in the eastern town of Polonnaruwa, killing four policemen and wounding two others, military officials said.

The official said the militants detonated a land mine as the jeep passed over it and then fired with automatic weapons.

In the north, suspected Tamil rebels shot and killed a senior government official, the military officials said.

Muthiah Panchalingam, 52, the top administrator of Jaffna district was shot and killed by three unidentified gunmen in a village outside Jaffna town, they said.

### Ultimatum delivered

BEIJING, May 2, (AP): Nearly 6,000 students calling for democracy and freedom marched today in Shanghai, while students in Beijing said they would march if the government does not recognise their new student unions within 24 hours.

The Shanghai students set out in the early afternoon from Fudan University and East China Teachers University and marched to the downtown People's Square. The official Xinhua news agency said they carried banners reading "Give us democracy and freedom," "Oppose privileges" and "Media tell the truth."

Xinhua said they planned to present a petition to the local government and Communist Party branch.

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## Sihanouk may return Cambodia peace bid

JAKARTA, May 2, (Reuters): Cambodian guerrilla leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk will return home if Vietnamese troops withdraw from his country and the government makes more peace concessions, Cambodian Premier Hun Sen quoted him as saying today.

The 38-year-old premier was speaking to reporters after a two-hour meeting with the former ruler on ending Cambodia's isolation, and the 10-year-old guerrilla war, said a spokesman.

He said he and Sihanouk had agreed that the Phnom Penh government and the guerrillas should both stop receiving foreign aid if Hanoi's troops withdraw.

They also agreed on the need for an international conference to choose a multinational body to supervise a peace agreement, Hun Sen added.

Hanoi, whose troops invaded Kampuchea in 1978 to overthrow the Khmer Rouge government, has promised to withdraw all its forces by the end of September.

North jury delaying

WASHINGTON, May 2, (AP): The jury in the trial of Oliver North was continuing its deliberations without any indication of what may be delaying a verdict, while a dispute over media access to a court document threatens dismissal of the jury and the declaration of a mistrial.

The panel, which has done nearly 46 hours of work over nine days, has given US district judge Gerhard Gesel no notes in a week.

In another development, Joseph Fernandez, former chief of US intelligence in Costa Rica, pleaded innocent yesterday to four criminal charges based on his role in the Iran-Contra affair.

Federal judge Claude Hilton set a jury trial for July 10 and released Fernandez on his personal recognisance.

Fernandez is charged with two counts of obstructing a presidential commission's 1987 inquiry into the 1983-86 Iran-Contra affair and two counts of lying to investigators.

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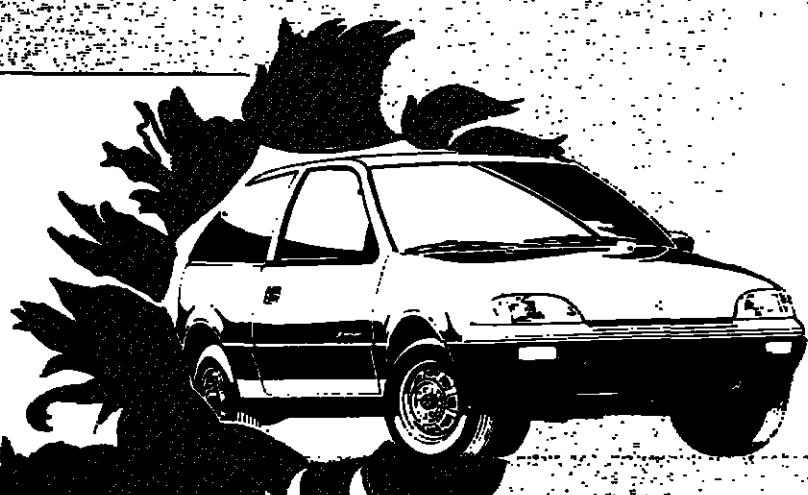
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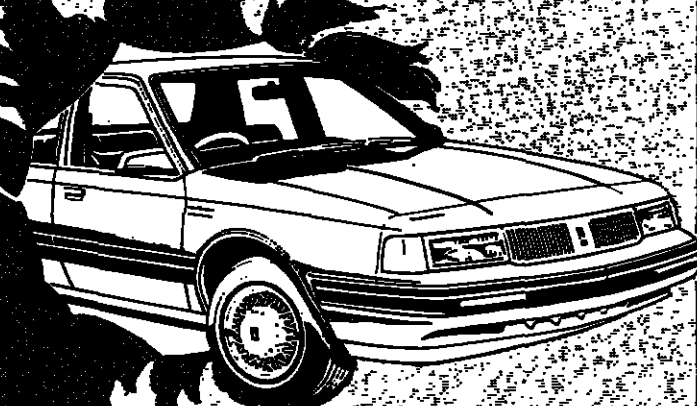
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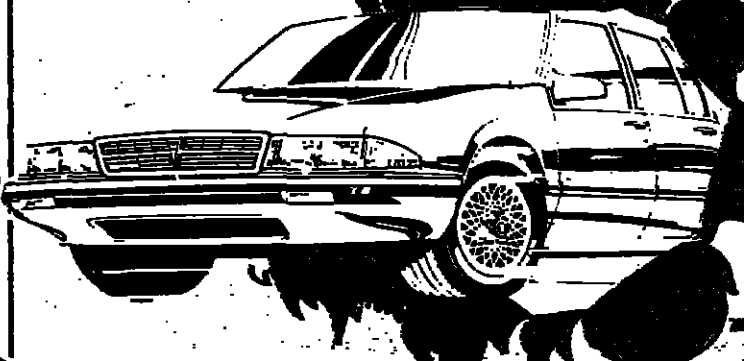
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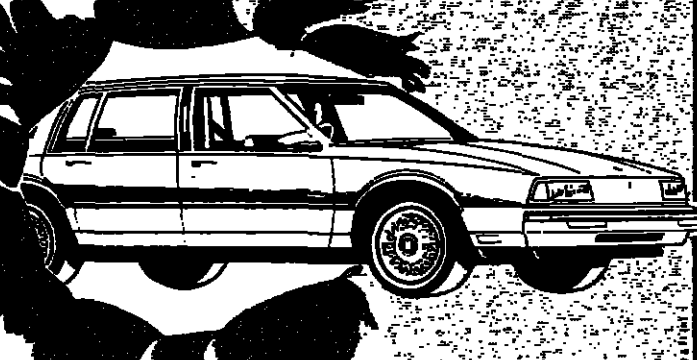
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# Doubt cast on test-tube fusion

## Two universities find flaws

BOSTON, May 2, (UPI): Scientists at two leading research universities produced strong new evidence yesterday casting doubt on work by two chemists who said they achieved nuclear fusion in a jar at room temperature at the University of Utah.

Researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, California, said they had been unable to reproduce the Utah experiment, and had found no evidence fusion had taken place.

But physicist James Brophy, vice-president of research at the University of Utah, defended the work by Stanley Pons and Martin Fleischmann, saying they had "spent 5-1/2 years on this research" and "now people spending four weeks on crude experiments are criticising their work."

"It's unfortunate," Brophy said, adding that the criticism represents "an eastern elite approach, that nothing good can come out of the great southwest."

Utah Governor Norm Bangerter said the war is really over the millions the eastern science establishment might lose.

In an announcement that shook the scientific world, Pons and Fleischmann said March 23 they had produced what they concluded to be a nuclear fusion reaction in a flask of water at room temperature. The experiment, they said, generated a tremendous amount of heat, holding out the promise of limitless cheap and safe energy from a simple method if their results could be duplicated.

In nuclear fusion, which

occurs in the sun at a mind-boggling rate of speed and at temperatures of more than 1 million degrees Fahrenheit (more than 550,000 C), the joining of nuclei from atoms of different isotopes produces energy according to the relationship of Einstein's theory of relativity. It is the opposite of nuclear fission, the production of energy by splitting the atom.

A 16-member team at MIT said it determined the two Utah researchers overestimated the amount of neutrons their experiment produced — a pivotal piece of evidence.

And at Caltech, chemistry professor Nathan Lewis said in a statement, "we have no evidence whatsoever for nuclear reactions or even for unusual chemical reactions."

"We uncovered a number of errors large enough to cast serious doubts on published determinations of excess heat," Lewis said. "When these errors are avoided, we obtain no evidence for heat production."

The Caltech experimenters say they used neutron detectors 100,000 times more efficient than those used in the Utah experiments and still could not find any evidence that fusion had occurred.

Pons and Fleischmann said their experiment produced much more heat than it consumed and produced neutrons, which is evidence the heat was coming from a nuclear fusion reaction.

Parker acknowledged the Utah experiment may have produced very low levels of neutrons or that it may work through some previously unknown mechanism in which fusion occurs without the production of large amounts of neutrons.

### Effect of stress

## Baby boomers tend to have depression

BOSTON, May 2, (UPI): Baby boomers are apparently much more likely to develop depression than their parents, perhaps because of the stress unique to their generation, according to a large new international study.

The research, involving more than 30,000 people in 13 studies, found those born after World War II in the United States, Canada, West Germany, Sweden and New Zealand were about twice as likely as those from earlier generations to develop clinical depression.

"The people who have been born since World War II are experiencing high rates of depression," said Myrna Weissman, a professor of epidemiology and psychiatry at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons who helped conduct the study with Dr. Gerald Klerman of the Cornell University Medical College in New York City.

The researchers also found that baby boomers tend to develop depression at an earlier age — in their 20s instead of their 30s or 40s.

The researchers are uncertain why the rate of depression may be increasing but speculated the trend may be tied to increased stress and a breakdown in traditional family structure.

"They may be exposed to more of the risks that are associated with depression, such as separation, divorce, living alone, social isolation," Weissman said.

The unusually large size of the baby boom generation has

meant they have faced much more intense competition throughout their lives for everything from education to jobs.

"There is more of a gap between expectations and realities. This is a generation that is a big one. There is more competition for resources," she said.

"Even though this is the generation that is the healthiest (physically) they may have more disappointments, more social isolation."

Major depression is defined as the presence of persistent mood disturbance, appetite change and weight loss, sexual dysfunction and impairment in function associated with feelings of helplessness, hopelessness and worthlessness.

While the rate of major depression has been consistently two or three times higher among women than men across all adult ages, the researchers also found the difference may be narrowing as more young men develop depression.

The researchers, who reported their findings in the Journal of the American Medical Association, found no such increase in depression among the same generation in Korea, Puerto Rico and among Mexican-Americans living in the United States.

Weissman speculated the reason for the difference between countries may be that in some countries the culture has maintained strong family ties, which tend to increase the likelihood an individual would develop depression.

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### Minister shot to death

LAKEVILLE, Indiana, May 2, (AP): A minister, his wife and two of their daughters were discovered shot to death in the church parsonage as the congregation sang hymns next door.

Investigators believe the four were slain on Saturday. The one-story frame house was locked and without signs of forced entry, said St. Joseph county sheriff's Cpl. Charles Fairrell.

The bodies of Robert Pelley, 38, Dawn Pelley, 32, and their daughters Janet, eight, and Jolene, six, were discovered on Sunday. Three other children, 10, 14 and 17, were not home at the time.

All appeared to have been shot at close range by the same weapon, Fairrell said. "Indications are that robbery and burglary are not the motives of this homicide," Fairrell said. "We have some ideas of a motive, but we're not going to discuss this yet."

### Photographer found dead

BANGKOK, May 2, (AP): Joe Gall, a Canadian photographer who covered the war in Afghanistan for the Associated Press, was found dead at a Thai resort hotel, officials said today. He was 29.

Gall's body was found on Sunday afternoon at the bottom of the swimming pool at the Ocean View Hotel in the Pattaya resort, 110 kilometres (68 miles) south of Bangkok, said the hotel's assistant manager, Viroj Phunphitay.

Viroj said Gall had gone swimming in the pool alone at about 1 am on Sunday after having had some drinks. Pool play was not suspected, Viroj said.

### Underwater project

BOSTON, May 2, (AP): Auditorium lights dimmed and thousands of youngsters went silent yesterday when a 7-million-dollar science project whisked them to the bottom of the Mediterranean Sea, live and in colour.

Television screens showed them the satellite-relayed view of a camera-equipped submarine robot being towed over the ocean floor. It was the first of two weeks of live broadcasts to an expected 250,000 students at 13 museums from British Columbia to Florida.

The project suffered a temporary setback last week when the 7-foot-long (2-metre) robot Jason, a newer version of the camera-carrying submarine that explored the sunken ocean liner Titanic, sank among the ruins of an ancient Roman trading ship off the coast of Italy.

### Karolyi becomes US citizen

HOUSTON, May 2, (Reuters): Gymnastics coach Bela Karolyi, who defected from Romania eight years ago and guided Mary Lou Retton to stardom, was sworn in yesterday as a US citizen.

Karolyi, his wife Martha and daughter Andrea became Americans in a brief ceremony in which several hundred other immigrants also were naturalised.

"Now, I am an American," a smiling Karolyi told reporters.

Karolyi and his wife defected to the United States on March 23, 1981 when they were touring the country with his Romanian gymnastics team.

### Linares attends funeral

CHICAGO, May 2, (AP): Funeral services were held yesterday for a brain-damaged baby whose father disconnected his respirator.

The father of 16-month-old Samuel Linares, severely brain-damaged and comatose since swallowing a balloon last August, Rudy Linares, is charged with first-degree murder. Police say Linares, 23, held off hospital workers at gunpoint, unhooked his son's respirator and carried the boy until he died.

Free on bond, Linares attended the private funeral at Mary Queen of Heaven church in suburban Cicero. He and his wife, Tamara, sat in the front row with their other two small children.

"Over and over again, we ask why, and there is no answer. Not all the priests, all the bishops, all the popes, all the moralists, can answer the question why," the Rev. John R. Price said in his eulogy.



Eva Bergman: charting own course

### Eva gaining recognition

## Gifted director

GOTHENBURG, Sweden, May 2, (Reuters): If asked, theatre director Eva Bergman reluctantly admits that she is the daughter of famous Swedish film-maker Ingmar Bergman.

But it is something she'd really rather not talk about.

"Of course I was influenced by my parents...I just don't think the fact that he is my father is important when it comes to what I do," she said in an interview.

Eva, 43, is gaining recognition as a gifted director mainly of children's theatre — in stark contrast to the gloomy productions which have characterised the career of her 70-year-old father, renowned as one of the masters of the modern cinema and an acclaimed theatre director.

"To be the child of somebody famous is what you make of it. If you want to use it, you can — but you always pay a price. For me, the night thing has been to lay low about it," said the small, fair woman.

After 10 years of directing a tightly knit group at the Gothenburg Backa Theatre, she feels she is becoming a good director in her own right.

Her productions, including "The Story of a Horse," based on a novel by Leo Tolstoy, and "A Soldier's Story," featuring music by Igor Stravinsky, have been successful both at home and in cities such as Berlin, Zurich, Amsterdam, Munich and Managua.

She is working on her own version of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" which will open in September.

Last year Eva won the prestigious Thalia theatre prize, awarded by Sweden's daily Svenska Dagbladet, for her production of Bertold Brecht's "The Caucasian Chalk Circle". The citation praised the production's "social involvement, musical imagination and joyful acting."

Eva was quick to point out that the actors deserved most of the praise.

"I am thrilled to be working with these talented people. And I still get excited over the fact that people come to see our productions and that I actually get paid for what I do," she said.

Although she occasionally found children's theatre a bit limited, she said it gave her tremendous pleasure.

### PEOPLE AND PLACES



### Irina's light moment

Irina Gorbacheva, daughter of the Soviet leader, enjoys a light moment with guests during the traditional May Day parade on Moscow's Red Square on Monday. (Reuters wirephoto)



### Palestinian players

Palestinian soccer players of the FC Karama team pose for photographers in Gardanne, southern France, on Monday, one day before PLO's chairman Yasser Arafat visit to France. A photograph of Arafat and a stone thrower can be seen, on the player's T-shirts. (Reuters wirephoto)

### Memorial masses for Ball

LOS ANGELES, May 2, (AP): Memorial masses for Lucille Ball will be celebrated the night of May 8 at churches in New York, Chicago and suburban Los Angeles, the comedian's family said yesterday.

"Monday night was the time when most of the nation was used to being with Lucy," said a statement by the family announcing the Roman Catholic masses.

The statement added that the family "hopes that her friends across the country who have been so supportive and loving will join together in celebrating her life."

Two of the three long running comedy shows in which Miss Ball starred, "The Lucy Show" and "Here's Lucy," showed last night on CBS-TV, while "I Love Lucy" had starting times yesterday and other days as well.

### Sunday-only comic strip

WASHINGTON, May 2, (AP): Cartoonist Berke Breathed says he will discontinue his Pulitzer prize-winning comic strip "Bloom County" on Aug 6, and begin a new, Sunday-only strip the next month.

The announcement from the Washington Post writers group was reported in yesterday's edition of the Post. It quoted Breathed as saying, "a good coming strip is no more eternal than a ripe melon."

"Bloom County," featuring Opus the Penguin and a cast of other characters from the fictional locale, became one of the United States' most popular comic strips after its introduction in December 1980. It is now carried by nearly 80 daily and college newspapers.

Breathed, 31, was awarded the Pulitzer prize for distinguished cartooning in 1987.

### Man charged

## UK call for tighter gun control

WHITLEY BAY, England, May 2, (AP): Police charged a 22-year-old civil servant with murder yesterday following a shooting spree that killed one man and wounded 14 other people in a northeast coastal town.

Lawmakers called for a tightening of Britain's already strict gun control laws following the indiscriminate shotgun rampage Sunday afternoon.

Police arrested Robert Sartin, 22, shortly after the 15-minute attack in the quiet streets of the Moulsecoomb suburb of Whitley Bay seaside resort. Dressed entirely in black and wearing sunglasses and an ammunition belt, the gunman walked the streets shooting at whoever he saw, witnesses said.

Kenneth Mackintosh, 41, married and the father of two children, was killed. Four of the 14 wounded remained hospitalised yesterday, three of them in serious condition.

Police yesterday granted the suspect a five-minute visit with his parents, then announced his identity and said he was charged with Mackintosh's murder.

At a police news conference, detective superintendent Bob Benton said Sartin is likely to be charged with other offences at a later date.

Police said the shotgun found in his car when he was arrested by an armed policeman at a pub parking lot two miles (three kilometres) away was licensed to his father.

Home Secretary Douglas Hurd, the cabinet minister responsible for law and order, has asked for a full police report into the midday shootings in Moulsecoomb.

Britain's gun laws were tightened following the country's worst mass murder, in August 1987, when gun collector Michael Ryan ran through Hungerford, 60 miles (100 km) west of London, killing 16 people, including his mother, before turning his gun on himself.

The new laws outlawed sawed-off shotguns, mortars and self-loading rifles, a high-powered weapon similar to that used by Ryan.

Britons were already prohibited from owning automatic rifles such as machine guns and must obtain a licence to own other weapons.

## Inmates of congested jail hold protest

WARRINGTON, England, May 2, (AP): Prisoners at a northern England detention centre rampaged through the cell area yesterday and more than 30 of them held a rooftop protest against living conditions there, prison officers said.

The Risley Remand Centre, designed to hold just over 500 men in single cells, has 600 men and 140 women awaiting trial near Warrington, 10 miles (16 kilometres) east of Liverpool.

Trouble flared on Sunday night when 17 prisoners tried to overpower prison officers as cells on B Wing were being unlocked for an exercise period, authorities said.

Scores of men went on the rampage, wrecking furniture and water pipes, causing flooding. A similar incident in D Wing began yesterday when it was announced that visits had to be cancelled because of the violence, prison officials said.

They said the incident in B Wing was under control last night, but in D Wing as many as 40 inmates were still on the roof.

Between 30 and 40 inmates were still on the roof last night, several of whom wore hoods to conceal their identities as they hurled objects from the roof at prison officers below.

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## 25,000 poor families supported by Zakat House

There is real poverty, says director

THE director general of Zakat House, Fuad Al Omar, has said that the house has given financial support to more than 25,000 poor families in Kuwait since it was established. The house supported 7,150 needy families last year; 937 families received regular donations, 5,622 families received non-regular donations, 91 chaste families (who do not ask for donations personally), 107 families get non-profitable loans, 269 families got donations from the students fund, 80 families got from prisoners fund and 319 families got support from the patients fund.

He added that 3,018 families benefitted from Fitir Zakat (alms) in 1988.

Omar said that the house offered more than 105,000 breakfast meals during Ramadan last year and more than 3,600 persons are benefitting from these meals daily. He also added that 1,990 needy families benefitted from orphan's clothes project, 1,123 families from sacrifices of Eid Al Adha, and 120 students from the student fund during the last year.

Omar pointed out that there is real poverty in Kuwait. There are poor families which need the monthly donation and can not get their food without support from the house. There are some families who have regular income but they face financial troubles because of serious and necessary obligations like building a house or when the sponsor of the family suffers an accident, he said.

Omar called on the local charitable societies and committees to co-ordinate among themselves and integrate activities

in order to avoid duplicity. The house investigates applications submitted by families which require donations in order to make sure that these families really deserve help. The house has a clear and limited charter and system for giving donations, he said.

Omar said that activities and charitable projects of the house extend outside Kuwait such as building mosques and schools. These projects are built according to demand of contributors he said.

## Razzaq to head WHO conference delegation

KUWAIT, May 2, (KUNA): Public Health Minister Abdul Razzaq Yousef Al Abdul Razzaq will head Kuwait's delegation to meetings of the World Health Organisation and the Arab Health Ministers Council, to be held in Geneva from May 8 to 19.

An official source at the Health Ministry told KUNA yesterday that the Arab residents of the occupied territories and Arab nominations for membership of the WHO executive council, in addition to other subjects of interest.

The source indicated that the WHO meeting will discuss international strategies for health for all by the year 2000 and also for AIDS prevention, and the health conditions of Arabs in the territories.

He pointed out that who will also discuss sending health aid to Lebanon and budgets for various health programmes, including the realisation of a smoking-free society.

## Khorafi meets CCI committee

FINANCE Minister Jassem Al Khorafi has conferred with the finance committee set up by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The minister discussed with the committee the financial situation and ways to treat financial problems.

Meanwhile, reliable sources said that there are no serious problems concerning difficult debts. The sources added that best solution for these debts is in the framework programme of settling the hard debts that was put by the Central Bank. They denied that the debt problem affects the situation at the Stock Exchange because the programme allows debtors to invest and build their assets pawned in the local markets.

## Kuwait's development plan to revise human fabric

THE Undersecretary at Kuwait's Ministry of Planning Dr Abdulhadi Al Awadi was quoted as saying that the current Kuwaiti developmental plan was based on revising the population fabric, the development of human resources and the enhancing of the role of the private sector towards the establishing of national industries that require huge capital.

In an interview published by Chinese Economic Data Bulletin and carried by the local daily Awadi said that Kuwait was not dealing with national industries on the basis of returns only, but was concerned with its national security and the industries which pay special concern to the human being.

Trends

He added that the state was seriously striving to implement this plan and that future trends will concentrate on the developing pharmaceuticals, food and basic industries. He clarified that the country's concern towards the food industry was represented in the support given to the agricultural sector which aimed at expanding agricultural lands in order to achieve self-sufficiency.

Apart from the above, the plan will concentrate on the national workforce by providing necessary training opportunities, he

said. Awadi added that the government will extend necessary loans towards supporting national industries and will protect the local market from so called dumping of foreign goods on the market.

In the meantime, oil and petrochemical industries will be the main industries that the country should rely on. In answer to a question whether the government intends to support other industries such as the clothing industry and other commercial ones, the official said that this would depend on the availability of industries that could compete with foreign ones.

The undersecretary also said that money which had been allocated for the implementation of the developmental plan was estimated at KD seven billion and that most of these amounts will be allocated for infrastructural and constructional projects as well as productive ones.

Role

He called on the private sector to play its own role in the industrial field as well as in the grooming and training of national cadres to take their role in future developmental projects.

Awadi said co-operation is open between both China and Kuwait, and if we were to compare the situation now and that situation years ago, we find that a

lot of progress has been made. "We think that China is a friendly country and our relations with it are clear, and that has a good effect on the Kuwaiti economy," Awadi said.

He further added that the Kuwaiti economy is active, and there is no problem in the light of the current population and volume of investments. However, the rebuilding of Iran and Iraq will contribute immensely to the re-activation of the economic situation in Kuwait, particularly in field of exports/imports.

Investments

Meanwhile, the director general of the Public Investment Authority Dr Fahd Al Rashid said that the situation in East Asia and Southwest Asia attracts Kuwaiti investments which is characterised by diversification to cover real estate, joint or independent projects and enterprises in money markets.

He stressed the important role of foreign investments in supporting the development of the Kuwait economy, pointing out that the government has shares in many local companies and establishments of a purely commercial nature. This helped push the national economy forward and gave the local companies the chance to run its activities and affairs positively.

## Sidewalks for walking public

THE Minister of Public Works, Abdul Rahman Al Houti has said that the ministry will establish more 'sidewalks' in some areas especially for people who practice the sport of walking. He said that the sidewalks will be constructed in most areas to help lovers of that sport. The minister was commenting on the success of such side walks constructed in Mishref area which are attracting large crowds who practice walking. The side walks were especially made for people accustomed to walking in the mornings or evenings.

The minister welcomed applications from residents of areas who wish to have such side walks in their areas. He said that applications should be submitted to the mukhtars. He also said that

residents should clearly mention the site they would like to have the side walk at, provided the land is not private.

Al Houti added that the ministry is planning to improve such 'sport roads' to encourage more people to practice walking and running. He said that such roads do not cost much, but have great benefits. The minister expressed regret at the inconvenience to people because of road projects, adding that road closures and diversions are only temporary. He stressed that the motivation behind such projects is to facilitate things for the public and denied that the ministry was responsible for any delay in the projects, stressing that sometimes contractors pass through difficult situations.

## Five women thieves caught in the act

SECURITY men arrested five women in the act of stealing at the Northern Nagra Shopping Complex, after keeping close surveillance on all customers.

Surveillance was instituted as several shop owners had complained to the local police station that several articles had been stolen from their shops.

Surveillance resulted in observing that certain women would start arguing with shop owners over prices to distract attention while their accomplices hid valuables under their cloaks.

The stolen articles were kept in a certain shop in the complex and collected late at night. The arrested women range in ages between 30 to 50 years old.

In another incident, a Kuwaiti employee at a jewellery shop reported the theft of a gold necklace worth KD150. According to the complainant, two women asked to be shown the necklace and while he was busy with another client, the two women decamped with the necklace.

Still another complaint was lodged with the Nagra Police Station by a Kuwaiti lady who claimed to have placed a necklace with a Pakistani jeweller for mending. The woman went to the shop four days later to discover that the shop was closed and the man had fled. The necklace was estimated to be worth KD200.

Investigations are being conducted into all these cases.

## Airport taxi drivers complain of unfair competition

AIRPORT taxi drivers stating their problems remain unsolved, complained of pick-ups, hotel buses, and private car owners taking away most of their customers.

A local daily conducted an investigation at which airport taxi drivers say that they did not support the idea of establishing a union as it would restrict their freedom.

They favoured quoting prices to their passengers to installing taxi meters. They added that accusing them of exploitation has no basis as violators will be prevented from entering the airport with their cars and their cards withdrawn.

Additionally, they said a section of their parking lots were assigned to hotel cars, and they were forced to park their cars on pavements and streets.

Abdul Hadi Al Ajmi, a taxi driver has totally rejected the idea of

## World Nurse Day

THE Kuwait Nursing Society celebrates the World Nurse Day and Kuwait Nursing Week on May 13 and 18.

A local daily quoted the director of the Nursing Services Department at the Ministry of Public Health Mariyam Al Rugam as saying that the activities would focus on school health and that symposium and lectures would also be held as part of the celebrations.

Lectures

Memorial shields would on this occasion be distributed to those who actively contributed

to the progress of the society and development of its services, Rugam said.

The first day would include lectures on school health and the role of nurses in school health. The second day would include a symposium on the role of nurses in school clinics, to be followed by a workshop on the part played by nurses in the development of school health.

Lectures would be given by an Omani guest on the same subject to be followed by a symposium on the dimensions of the smoking problem, the official said.



Quran recitation ceremony

UNDER the patronage of Sheikh Ali Sabah Al Salem Al Sabah, the Ahmadi governor, the final ceremony of Ahmadi governorate Holy Quran recitation was held yesterday evening.

Jassem Al Shati the head of the organising committee delivered a speech on the occasion and thanked the Ahmadi governor who distributed prizes to the first ten winners.

The ceremony was attended by the director of Ahmadi educational area, high education officials and officers.

## Baby food: no cause for alarm

HEALTH officials in Bahrain have assured the public, particularly mothers, that the consumption of baby food stocks available in the island is perfectly safe in the wake of baby food contamination of products manufactured by a major British food producer, Heinz, last week.

British police are investigating reports of about 250 cases of baby food products 'adulterated' or 'tampered' with by unknown people. Broken glass, razor blades and caustic soda have been discovered in jars of Heinz, Cow and Gate foodstuff.

Quantity

A spokesman of Al Jazira Cold Store, the local agent for Heinz, assured that there was no cause for alarm as the company imports mainly American-made products of the British company. According to him about 99 per cent of the Heinz baby food products come from the US. The 'small' quantity of the products that come from Britain are perfectly safe as they are sent directly from the factory, he added.

Officials stated that the imports of Cow and Gate baby food are very small. The director of public health at the Ministry of Health, Dr Rifat Hameed, said that no special inspection measures have been taken in the light of food scare. He stressed that the island's normal inspections are adequate and strict.

It is understood that store managers have received no official notification to withdraw baby food products in question.

## Herbal treatment at Islamic Medical Centre

THE head of the Islamic Medical Centre in Kuwait Dr Ahmad Al Jendy has said that the centre provides herbal treatment for certain diseases and evolved the Islamic approach to preventive medicine and related health fundamentals.

He told a local newspaper that the centre was also bent on collecting Islamic medical heritage in order to put to active use all Islamic medical achievements in the various fields, including research and studies by brilliant Muslim scholars.

Jendy added that the centre also clearly set the legal Islamic view on certain medical practices, such as the test-tube and transplants, and that for this purpose the centre sponsored the holding of lectures and symposium to discuss the forbidden and the lawful in Islam.

Jendy said that Islamic heritage is part and parcel of human life and that it provides vital advice on the development of modern life and related spiritual reflections, which led people, mainly in the Western world, to attempt suicide, form an addiction to drugs, develop difficult psychological diseases and fail to adapt to life as they go.

He went on to say that many patients exhibited psychosomatic symptoms, which was a form of organic response to what is basically psychological. He lauded the herbal treatment programme, which is based on Islamic medicine, for the fact that it contained no chemicals and consequently was not potentially dangerous like ordinary medications.

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# May Day rallies break with past

Protesters dispersed in many countries

MOSCOW, May 2. (Agencies): A new mood of optimism shone through Moscow's May Day celebrations yesterday as more than 100,000 people paraded before reforming leader Mikhail Gorbachev, but elsewhere in eastern Europe police broke up rallies.

In Warsaw, however, thousands of Solidarity supporters rallied jubilantly in what veteran observers said was the biggest independent gathering in the Polish capital since Pope John Paul's visit in 1987.

Popular tunes mixed with martial music in the Moscow festivities, where marchers filed past Gorbachev and members of the ruling Politburo for more than two hours, carrying banners praising his reforms.

"There were more flowers, balloons and colour than in previous years," said one Western diplomat. "It seemed more relaxed. There was also a distinct lack of ideology."



Gorbachev stands with an unidentified Moscow girl on the Tribune of the Lenin Mausoleum in the Red Square during May Day celebrations. (Reuters wirephoto)



Polish police flee from radical anti-communist youths armed with wooden sticks and tear-gas in Warsaw on Monday following the biggest Solidarity-sponsored May Day march in many years. (Reuters wirephoto)

In the Soviet republic of Armenia, several thousand people defied a ban to march through the capital, Yerevan. Some chanted "down with the government" but police held back as the demonstration passed peacefully, local journalists said.

Authorities had cancelled official parades out of respect for 25,000 people who died in last December's earthquake.

In the Czechoslovak capital Prague, dozens of demonstrators were detained after about 1,000 people chanted demands for freedom and some unfurled banners calling for protection of human rights at an unofficial rally in Wenceslas Square.

The protest was the first since a crackdown on dissent was imposed after a week of anti-government demonstrations in January.

In the northern Polish port city of Gdansk, riot police armed with rubber truncheons battled with hundreds of radical anti-communist youths who responded with firecrackers, opposition sources said.

Condemned

Solidarity today condemned police action against demonstrators in Wroclaw during May Day rally during which several demonstrators were injured.

"The police cars drove into the persons who stood on the sidewalk and a few of them were hospitalized," the statement by Solidarity in Wroclaw said.

According to eye-witnesses up to 7,000 people took part in the May Day demonstration yesterday organised by the fighting Solidarity — the splinter group in the union which opposed the co-operation with authorities.

And in the Philippines, riot police fired tear-gas bombs to disperse thousands of protesters demanding higher wages and the removal of US bases.

Police and protest leaders said 70 people were hurt after about 5,000 people marching to the US embassy fought police with rocks, bottles, and metal pellets fired from slings.

Riot police in South Korea fired tear gas in a battle with about 5,000 striking workers in Masan and nearby Changwon after protesters tried to stage a May Day rally, police said.

About 200 workers were arrested.

Police said about 6,600 people were arrested in Seoul when labour blocked a rally called by labour groups to mark May Day.

In Turkey, 36 people were injured in battles with security forces during May Day marches in Istanbul, the Anatolia news agency reported.

Eight of them were wounded by gunfire, including one man who was shot in the head.

Officials banned the holiday because they said it was a Marxist tradition. The Interior Ministry said 400 people were detained in Istanbul during unauthorised marches and another 500 in the Aegean coastal city of Izmir.

Arrested

In West Berlin, police used water cannon, teargas and truncheons against at least 2,000 militant protesters who hurled fire bombs, looted stores and smashed windows in May Day skirmishes. Police said small groups of masked protesters firebombed parked cars in the Kreuzberg district, with several cars catching fire and exploding.

They said a policeman was knocked down and beaten and his service pistol was stolen.

In communist East Berlin, at least five dissidents were arrested for staging demonstrations alongside officials celebrations, dissident sources said.

In China, where authorities are struggling with a student movement for democratic reforms, the Communist Party marked May Day by appealing to workers to resist forces of social instability.

In Japan, police said 1.1 million people took part in May Day rallies. Some evolved into peaceful protests against the stock-profiteering scandal that has shaken the government and prompted the resignation of Prime Minister Noboru Takekoshi.

In Honduras, more than 50,000 people demonstrated in six cities and burned US flags to protest the US military presence in the country and Washington's support for the Nicaraguan rebels.



## Violent May Day

Opposition leaders and commentators said on Tuesday a government ban on rallies was responsible for the most violent May Day clashes in Turkey since three years of Army rule ended in 1983.

One man died in hospital after being hit in the head by a bullet and 35 people were injured, seven by gunfire, in protests near Istanbul's Taksim Square.

Demonstrators, some shouting slogans of the extreme left and Kurdish separatists, confronted police with guns, metal bars and stones, officials said.

Picture shows a demonstrator who was shot in May Day protest lies on the street as unidentified eyewitness in tears speaks to a policeman in Istanbul. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Pilots know how to evade Stingers

Kabul issues gas masks to troops

KABUL, April 2. (Agencies): The Afghan Air Force pilots have developed techniques to evade US-made Stinger missiles and has not lost a single jet fighter to any of the shoulder-fired projectiles used by Muslim rebels besieging the garrison town of Jalalabad, Afghan pilots said.

And while acknowledging that Stingers are still the most lethal anti-aircraft weapons in the rebels' armoury, the pilots spoke with contempt for British-made Blowpipe rockets, which one described as "very weak."

The Foreign Ministry presented five pilots of Soviet-built MiG-21 fighters to discuss the role of air power in the Jalalabad siege.

A lack of planning, co-ordination and conventional combat experience have been cited as major reasons for the rebels' failure to capture the government stronghold that controls a major highway into Kabul.

Asked if the rebels were using heat-seeking Stingers against government aircraft, Capt. Jalilani, 26, replied: "The truth is that now our enemy is using everything available against us. They are still using them."

Meanwhile Afghan government commanders have issued Soviet-made gas masks to their troops in Jalalabad, according to a telephone report from rebel leader.

■ A UN-run food distribution programme ran out of supplies today as a crowd of frantic men and children clawed and fought to grab the last 13 sacks of flour and sugar tossed from the rear of a truck outside a clinic near the Soviet embassy.

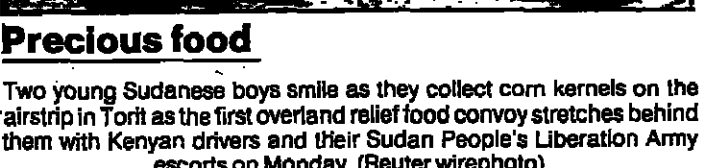
Funds cancelled

US shoots down F-16 project

WASHINGTON, May 2. (KUNA): The US after stating that Turkey would produce an advanced version of the American F-16 jet fighter, has abruptly cancelled a billion dollars in development funds for the project, it was disclosed here yesterday.

The revelation comes from "Defence & Foreign Affairs Weekly," a generally accurate periodical with many Pentagon and State Department contacts.

The newsletter reported that the Turkish F-16 project was shot down by Defence Secretary Richard Cheney in an April 17 meeting with senior Air Force and congressional budget officials.



Two young Sudanese boys smile as they collect corn kernels on the airstrip in Torit as the first overland relief food convoy stretches behind them with Kenyan drivers and their Sudan People's Liberation Army escorts on Monday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Precious food

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Perfectly preserved mummy unearthed

PROVO, Utah, May 2. (AP): Brigham Young University professor C. Wilfred Griggs says his archaeological excavation at an ancient Egyptian cemetery recently uncovered a perfectly preserved mummy of a woman wearing a priceless gold death mask.

Griggs, a renowned Egyptologist, and other scientists found the mummy Feb. 20, in an unplundered Egyptian tomb dating to about 100 BC "nothing of this caliber from this late in Egyptian history has ever been found," said Griggs. "It's exquisite."

At first, archaeologists were excited just to find an unplundered tomb. When they carefully lifted the

## Surprise rebel move SPLA declares truce

NAIROBI, May 2. (Reuters): Sudanese rebels, who have seized more than 12 garrison towns in the past four months, have declared a surprise ceasefire and challenged Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi to join them in peace talks.

The Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) said yesterday it would observe a truce until the end of May, in an apparent attempt to shift its six-year-old war from the battlefields of southern Sudan to the diplomatic front.

"I call upon... those at the national level to take advantage of the one-month ceasefire to make their views known to the movement (SPLA) and to enter into discussions with us," SPLA leader Colonel John Garang said in a statement.

The SPLA has been fighting since 1983 to end

what it sees as domination of the mainly Christian and animist south by the Muslim north.

Several countries, chiefly the United States, have publicly urged Mahdi and the SPLA to lay down their arms so emergency food aid can be sent to southern Sudan where famine threatens thousands of people.

Garang's statement, read out in Radio SPLA broadcast monitored in Nairobi, said the ceasefire had been declared to usher in a new era of peace and prosperity to impoverished Sudan, Africa's largest country.

He told government troops in rebel-besieged towns of Juba, Malakal and Wau not to move out or seek fresh arms supplies during the truce as these would be seen as hostile acts.

## Egyptians told

### 'Eat less and have fewer babies'

CAIRO, May 2. (Reuters): President Hosni Mubarak has told Egyptians to eat less and have fewer babies to help tackle their country's economic problems.

Mubarak, in a televised policy speech yesterday, also urged Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to agree to an international conference on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Mubarak said Egypt's \$4 million population grew much faster than its resources. "We increase about one million and a half each year," he said in his three-hour address. "It (population) threatens to choke the efforts we exert in all fields and quashes all hopes of growth, production and development."

Egypt, which imports more than half its food, is trying to reach agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on rescheduling part of its \$43 billion foreign debt.

Mubarak said that Egypt had taken its first steps towards economic reform but could not drastically cut its spending because this could lead to social unrest. In 1977, sharp bread and flour price rises triggered riots.

Mubarak said an average Egyptian consumed 197 kg (434 lb) of wheat each year compared with 77 kg (170 lb) in other countries.

He urged Egyptians not to waste bread, heavily-subsidised by the government, by using it as animal feed.

Subsidies for basic foodstuffs such as wheat, sugar and edible oil between July 1988 and May this year reached over \$6 billion, he said.

"In 1981-82, it was over two billion. See how consumption has increased because of the population. Please realise that because we can no longer live like this," Mubarak said.

Mubarak also urged Egyptians not to have nine or 10 children if they could not provide them with a decent life. "If you want to give your country a present, give it a healthy, strong and educated family instead of a complexed and weak one."

A court ruling on the eligibility of candidates could deprive Egypt's ruling party of 23 of its parliamentary seats, politicians said yesterday.

They said it was up to parliament to decide whether to uphold the ruling. But Mubarak, who has promised to broaden democracy, controlled the decision as leader of the party with an overwhelming majority in the 448-seat assembly.

Most to attend Arab summit

ABU DHABI, May 2. (UPI): Moroccan Foreign Minister Abdelatif Filali said yesterday that most Arab countries including Syria have agreed to attend an emergency summit that would restore Egypt's membership in the 22-member Arab League.

King Hassan II of Morocco called for the summit of Arab heads of state last month to discuss the Arab-Israeli conflict.

At least eight Arab states, including Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Iraq, said they would boycott such a gathering unless it was attended by Egypt, whose membership in the Arab League has been frozen since the 1979 signing of the peace treaty with Israel.

## Mauritania, Senegal agree to contain riots

TUNIS, May 2. (Agencies): Kuwait's State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saoud Mohamed Al Osaime has said that the Mauritanian and Senegalese leaderships are determined to contain the riots which broke out between the two countries' citizens.

Al Osaime indicated in a statement to KUNA here last night that during his meetings with Mauritanian and Senegalese Presidents, he felt their intention to contain these incidents.

He said what has happened is just a temporary incident which will be solved, and a new page in relation would be opened between the two Muslim neighbouring countries.

The two heads of state conveyed their greetings to HH the Amir of Kuwait and thanked him for his sympathy with peoples of Mauritania and Senegal, the Kuwaiti diplomat said.

Meanwhile, an airlift of refugees fleeing ethnic riots in Senegal and Mauritania has moved into top gear with 24,000 people being flown home.

Up to 20 transport planes from

five nations shuttled between the two neighbours yesterday as other refugees tried a more hazardous journey by road and then dug-out canoes across the River Senegal which forms the border.

A Western reporter who shuttled between Dakar and Nouakchott on a Spanish Hercules C-130 aircraft said he heard refugees trade abuse as they passed each other on the tarmac of both airports.

The airlift follows communal riots and revenge killings last week in which more than 450 people were reported killed. It began in earnest on Sunday and involved planes from Morocco, France, Algeria, Senegal and Spain.

French military sources in Dakar said a total of 13,000 Senegalese had so far been flown back from Mauritania with 11,000 Mauritians flown home from Senegal.

The airlift continued smoothly but independent reports spoke of harassment of those leaving both airports by soldiers who confiscated money, portable radios and jewellery.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Citadel gets facelift

DAMASCUS, May 2. (Reuters): The Damascus citadel, once the bastion of power for many glorious Arab kings, is receiving a \$5 million facelift to turn it into a museum.

Built 900 years ago on the ruins of a Roman fortress, it was the seat of such kings as Saladin, who used it as his military headquarters during many years of battles against the Crusaders.

### Military industry

BAGHDAD, May 2. (KUNA): Iraq is seeking to establish a sophisticated military industry and within two years will be able to cover its armed forces' needs of Iraqi-made weapons, the Iraqi industry and military production minister has announced.

Hussein Kamel, addressing a news conference here last night, said that his country has covered major strides in the military industry and currently is engaged with arms' research, modernisation and production.

### Bus accident kills 10

CAIRO, May 2. (Reuters): Ten people drowned today after a speeding bus, swerving to avoid a car, plunged into a lake on the road from Cairo to southern Egypt, police sources said.

Fourteen passengers were rescued from the lake near El Minya governorate, about 240 km (150 miles) south of Cairo, they said. The driver, who jumped out as the bus hit the water, was slightly injured.

### Polisario sacks two

ALGIERS, May 2. (Reuters): The Polisario Front, which is fighting Morocco for the independence of Western Sahara, has expelled two of its leaders because of "their infantile attitudes unworthy of authentic revolutionaries."

The official Algerian news agency APS said Mohamed Ould Al Quali, also known as Omar Hadrani, and Abdelkader Taleb had been sacked for bad behaviour and flagrant mistakes.

APS earlier reported that "practically all" 27 members of the front's politburo were re-elected at a congress held near the Algerian oasis town of Tindouf.

### Copter to be returned

CAIRO, May 2. (Reuters): Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has ordered the return of a helicopter gunship to Libya after it was flown to Egypt by a defecting Libyan pilot, the semi-official daily Al Ahram reported today.

Major Fathi Malyoud Al Sagheer landed his Mi-24 in southern Egypt near Aswan last Wednesday and asked for political asylum. His request is being considered.

### Border will be opened

ABU DHABI, May 2. (KUNA): Egyptian authorities agreed to open its borders with Libya temporarily starting next Friday, press reports said here today.

The daily Al Itihad, published here today, added the decision was taken to allow Egyptian citizens working in Libya to spend the Eid among their relatives in Egypt.

## Reject the slavery of materialism: Pope

### Scubillon beatified

ST DENIS, Reunion, May 2. (Reuters): Beatifying a 19th century priest who worked to free slaves, Pope John Paul today warned Catholics on the wealthy French Indian Ocean island of Reunion to reject the slavery of modern materialism.

"On your island you enjoy relative prosperity. But the race to consumerism can lead people to stray from the real evangelical path of human achievement," the Pontiff told a crowd of up to 200,000 pilgrims gathered under a blazing sun.

Calling on islanders not to be afraid of saying no to "the slavery of materialistic values," the 68-year-old Pope praised the work of Brother Scubillon, the first holy man from this volcanic island to be honoured with the title "Blessed."

The Pope's 21-hour stay in Reunion, where the multi-ethnic community enjoy the highest standard of living in the Indian Ocean, marked a sharp contrast to the poverty he had just witnessed in Madagascar and can expect to witness again when he goes on to Zambia and Malawi.

The Pontiff was leaving for Zambia on an Air France super-sonic Concorde immediately after the beatification, the penultimate step before sainthood in the Catholic church.

Scubillon, a dedicated abolitionist whose real name was Jean-Bernard Rousseau, was born in Burgundy in France in 1797. He devoted the 34 years before his death to pastoral work among black African slaves who worked Reunion's coffee plantations.

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In our hearts you hold  
Forever yours Rowena  
We love you still,  
One day we'll be with you  
When it be God's will.



## EDITORIALS

## ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

FORTUNE is not on the side of the faint-hearted — Sophocles, Greek dramatist (about 496 BC-406 BC).

## New blood in Yugoslavia

By Vjekoslav Radovic

JANEZ Drnovec, Yugoslavia's next president, won the first direct election by secret ballot since the communists came to power in 1945 at the end of World War Two.

Voters in his maverick home region of Slovenia, in northwest Yugoslavia, chose Drnovec on April 2 in the pioneering poll as their representative to the collective state presidency instead of the establishment candidate Marko Bulc, 63.

At 38, he will be Yugoslavia's youngest-ever president when he takes office on May 15 as head of the state presidency for a one-year term after the eight-member body is reconstituted with new representatives from each republic and province.

The president's job rotates annually among the regions, and it is Slovenia's turn in May.

Drnovec has a doctorate in economics and is an ardent advocate of a market economy.

He is keen to set a precedent in the highest constitutional body by uniting the feuding ethnic groups within the Yugoslav federation of six republics and two provinces.

"I am determined to insist on a search for common language among all the federal units, in order to overcome economic and political problems," Drnovec said in an interview with the federal newspaper Borba.

Yugoslavia is saddled with 400 per cent inflation and a \$22 billion debt. The country is plagued by political struggles within the ruling Communist Party as well as ethnic conflicts highlighted by recent ethnic Albanian riots in Kosovo province.

Drnovec, a member of parliament, is regarded by Western diplomats as a shrewd economist, expert on debt and monetary problems.

He says Yugoslavia must establish new financial mechanisms in order to become part of the international financial market, a song likely to please the ears of Western creditors.

"That would reduce the present division of Yugoslavia into national (regional) economies," he said.

A former banker and a leading Yugoslav debt expert, he says he believes that current bickering among Yugoslavia's ethnic groups can be overcome by a reversal of its economic fortunes.

Drnovec said Prime Minister Ante Markovic, appointed in March, should take a fresh initiative to ease the debt burden.

He told Tanjug in an interview: "Our indebtedness could be reduced to a normal level in the next five years," a period equal to the term of the collective state presidency. Part of the debt should be converted into foreign investments, he said.

"The new government should initiate such action and with the support of the state presidency it could be achieved."

Focusing his election campaign on the "convertible dinar," Drnovec said the Yugoslav national currency, which has lost 84 per cent of its value against the dollar over the past year, should become convertible within the next five years.

"The dinar has not been used as a means of foreign payments since 1977 and its convertibility is one of the conditions for a more active role in the world market," former Yugoslav National Bank governor Branko Colanovic explained.

Drnovec will be chairman of the Non-aligned Movement in September, when Yugoslavia, one of the founders of the group, takes over its leadership.

He has said Yugoslavia should remain non-aligned but that it should also move closer to the European Economic Community, the European Free Trade Association and the Council of Europe.

Drnovec lives in Zaloke, a small town near the Slovenian capital Ljubljana.

He says he likes jogging, tennis and long walks in the mountains more than politics.

"He is allergic to Yugoslavia's unattractive political jargon and mumbo-jumbo," one of his acquaintances said.

Unlike most Yugoslav politicians, Drnovec speaks four foreign languages fluently: English, French, Spanish and German. He listens avidly to classical music.

His election victory with 56.07 per cent of the vote against 41.14 for Bulc came as a surprise to himself and local media.

Tanjug News Agency said it would be "remembered as an important step towards democratisation."

His election represents a major break with the generation of politicians who served under the late president Josip Broz Tito, who died in 1980 after 35 unchallenged years in power.

The Slovenian official newspaper Delo said Drnovec was expected to make peace among bickering bureaucratic oligarchies which have deeply divided the country.

## PRESS REVIEW

## Lift blockade: Aoun advised

KUWAIT, (KUNA): A local daily 'Al Watan' has appealed to the head of Lebanon's interim military government General Michel Aoun to lift off the blockade of Muslim harbours and has reassured that the Lebanese crisis would not be resolved unless all the Lebanese reach accord and understanding.

The paper in a front-page editorial said that General Aoun has to reconsider his rejection of the third paragraph of an Arab League three-point plan calling for a ceasefire, opening of crossing points between the two sectors of Beirut and lifting of blockades on air and sea ports.

The paper added that "the shelling and opening of fire will do no good in a country where almost everyone holds guns".

"Rejecting the three conditions including the ceasefire, opening of passages and lifting of the siege on ports will not serve a Lebanese settlement but will further complicate the situation," the paper warned.

Therefore, the paper noted that General Aoun has to be more wise and use less the policy of heavy bombardment because the way to solve the Lebanese crisis is not through force but by agreement among the different Lebanese parties.

Al-Watan appealed to General Aoun to give up some of his demands and avert Lebanon another bloodbath.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1660 — Peace of Oliva is signed, ending war between Brandenburg, Poland, Austria and Sweden.
- 1814 — France's King Louis XVIII returns to Paris after allied forces defeat Napoleon Bonaparte.
- 1833 — Turkey recognizes independence of Egypt and cedes Syria and Aden to Mehmet Ali.
- 1841 — New Zealand is formally proclaimed a British colony.
- 1849 — Prussians suppress revolt in Dresden.
- 1859 — France declares war on Austria.
- 1898 — Bread riots erupt in Milan, Italy, and are crushed with heavy loss of life.
- 1917 — British launch fresh attacks at Arras, France, to break Hindenburg line in World War I.
- 1945 — Allied troops enter Hamburg, Germany, in World War II.
- 1963 — Government crisis in Syria threatens recently agreed-upon union of Syria, Iraq and United Arab Republic.
- 1972 — Turkish guerrillas hijack Turkish plane and land in Sofia, Bulgaria.
- 1986 — Amnesty International accuses Afghan and Soviet forces of killing refugees trying to flee war in Afghanistan into neighbouring Pakistan.

## Arab Times exclusive

Economic motives have become a cause for co-operation

## We want good neighbourly relations with Iran

By Ahmed Al Jarallah

THIS holy month of Ramadan has been hectic as it has been a time of continued interviews with Arab kings and presidents. But, in the last 10 days of the holy month, Makkah should be visited and activities be crowned with an interview with the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz.

On Monday evening I had lunch with the King and began the interview with the following query.

Q. Your Highness, could you elucidate on the non-aggression agreement you signed with Iraq recently — especially its political aims?

A. The agreement includes items that are available in agreements signed by and between Arab countries a long time ago. We decided to authenticate them in an agreement between Saudi Arabia and Iraq. The agreement is a reflection that relations should be controlled among Arab countries.

Q. How do you view the establishment of the Arab Co-operation Council? Some people see it as an unexpected power like the appearance of the Axis powers.

A. All the present Arab gatherings are tributaries that pour their water into the Arab League and its charter justifies the existence of such gatherings. We support these gatherings.

We in the GCC declared the establishment of our council because we have many similar social and economic links that lead to the appearance of our gathering. It is ideal, because we will not dissolve our gathering if we differ on any aspect, but meet for discussion with enough time to resolve the issue. Thus, we support any gathering that finally leads to achieve the idea of the Arab League.

Q. Do these Arab councils and gatherings have any military significance — or do they just constitute gatherings in the framework of the Arab League and relate to member state interests?

A. These councils and gatherings were instituted in accordance with the Arab League charter to boost economic relations among member states. In my opinion the most important should be the concern of the Arab states to the economic issue. As for the military aspects of the Arab council and gatherings, this has already been covered through the Arab Joint Defence Treaty that was held within the framework of the Arab League. I would like to reiterate that the Arab council and gatherings have been designed to support the role of the Arab League.

Q. What about the extraordinary summit scheduled to be held in Rabat, Morocco and why was the regular summit not held in Riyadh?

A. Since the last regular summit, the Arabs held three extraordinary summits and the Rabat one to be held soon will be the fourth. As I see it, there are no insoluble problems among Arab countries. The important point for us is to ensure that Arab leaders have a meeting to person-

ally air their points of view and arrive at amicable solutions — irrespective these be through an extraordinary or regular summit.

In the last three extraordinary summits, great progress has been achieved and several vital issues improved. During the forthcoming summit to be held in Rabat, we hope that other important issues will see progress.

Q. Do you feel that the efforts of the Six-man Arab Committee will prove successful in dealing with the situation in Lebanon?

A. We as Arabs must put an end to the terrible tragedy that is ongoing in Lebanon. Reviewing the situation in Lebanon, it is obvious that it is worth every effort and sacrifice to restore peace and stability in that country.

During the forthcoming summit, discussions will primarily deal with the Lebanese as well as the Palestinian issues. Granted, that when Arab leaders meet, they will open files of urgent issues. Thus, it is difficult to determine what other topics will be dealt with.

Therefore, all we hope for is that the Arab six-man committee will be successful in its efforts and all concerned parties will become fully aware of the tragic situation in Lebanon. This is the concern of all, both at the international and local level. It is very essential to have the flexibility needed to wrap up the Lebanese issue.

Q. What is your opinion on the current oil prices? Do you think they will fluctuate or remain stable?

A. This totally depends on the degree of consistency in maintaining agreements in the OPEC countries related to oil production. My belief is that if the OPEC countries commit themselves to the current production volume, oil prices will show an improvement. This could lead to a price of \$26 per barrel. We are committed to a fixed production volume and as a result, price rates have maintained good levels. At times, the prices have even exceeded projected levels.

A drop in prices is caused by the dealings of speculators which often disappear with the return of commercial activity after the weekend. World markets have often tried to counteract the fixed production policy. The situation has undergone considerable change when relevant governments decided to reduce energy consumption. These markets have been able to save seven million barrels per day, by committing themselves to "the reduce consumption policy."

A study of maintaining a fixed production policy will determine that it is more effective than a price-war that leads to increased output. This policy, presently, remains the best choice.

Q. As there are non-OPEC oil producing countries, could they not violate the production quotas?

A. At one time, OPEC members were producing two third's of the world oil requirements, but at present, OPEC produces only one third. But on the other hand, many non-OPEC oil producing countries positively responded with the OPEC call and showed positive readiness to co-operate and have reduced

their production and expressed their readiness to commit themselves to oil production ceiling.

They have realised that increasing production results in lower oil prices. For example, Russia has reduced its production by 5 per cent. Thus if this co-operation from non-OPEC continues, it will lead to stability in oil prices.

Q. You said that oil prices will reach \$26 per barrel — when do you expect this will happen?

A. I expect oil prices to reach \$26 at the beginning of the next year — provided production ceilings are strictly adhered to. We are committed to our ceiling and will not violate OPEC decision. Other producers should emulate our ideas and determination. Obviously, surplus of oil in the market will lead to price reductions.

Q. There are some who accuse the kingdom of violating the production quotas by producing more?

A. This is totally untrue and no one can really substantiate it. It has become very difficult for any oil producing country to hide any increase in its oil production quota, because the types of oil are well known and any violation is easily detectable. Our commitment to the oil production quota stems from our conviction that the revenue of this finite commodity should not be sold at prices lower than their worth. Violating production quotas is not in the interest of the kingdom and similarly not in the interest of all producing countries — be it OPEC or non-OPEC members.

Any increase in its oil production quota, because the types of oil are well known and any violation can be easily detected. When you increase your production over the quota, you will sell this to oil companies, and these companies keep nothing secret and will announce that they bought from that particular country. Our commitment to the oil production quota stems from our conviction that the revenues of oil are the important thing. We do not want to see this important material being sold at prices less than what it requires. The violation of the production quotas and ceiling is not in the interest of the kingdom and similarly not in the interest of all producing countries, whether OPEC or non-OPEC members. I am sure that the oil prices will remain good and is on its way to further improving till it reaches the figure I mentioned.

Q. What about incomes of the states of the area and their budgets after the end of the Iraq-Iran war?

A. Unfortunately, this war came at a time when prices of oil reached low levels. Now that the war has stopped and prices are increasing, I believe the improvement of national incomes of states of the area will have clear and significant consequences especially if OPEC succeeds to maintain the maximum level of oil production. We see that if GCC states link interests of their people together, many situations will be improved. The private sectors in the GCC states should move. Governments of GCC states should not intervene in manufacturing works or others which

incentive is available and freedom is also available. These two factors are very important. We notice that socialist countries that were expanding intervention in the private sector began discovering that they should reduce intervention and retreat as well as helping to develop the private sector. If we look at development in Soviet Union and China we find that they began taking individual incentives into consideration.

Q. What do you think about changes in the socialist countries?

A. There is no doubt that the Soviet leader is an important leading personality. He has made many changes in his country. There is no doubt that this leader has an important international influence. He is the only Soviet leader that succeeded in making changes in his country. There is no doubt that Gorbachev is a significant face and mind. He is also a pioneer in his work.

Q. What about the agricultural projects in Saudi Arabia? Some people believe the Kingdom's government will suspend its support to the wheat cultivation particularly in the light of the surplus



Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia

of the private sector. Government intervention in this field, if at all should only be for a limited period to encourage the project.

For us, we have completed the basic structure and private sector should now play its role and benefit from this structure. Many people are supported by the state through the loans and industrial concessions. I believe that the coming period will be important and private sector will play an important role.

In the private sector individual incentive is available and freedom is also available. These two factors are very important. We notice that socialist countries that were expanding intervention in the private sector began discovering that they should reduce intervention and retreat as well as helping to develop the private sector. If we look at development in Soviet Union and China we find that they began taking individual incentives into consideration.

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realised which has surpassed the requirements of the food security issues?

A. The government will not suspend the support of agriculture in general and wheat cultivation in particular. Support will continue in to realise the necessary production commensurate with the funds invested in this sector. In this respect we have our own accounts and are convinced with it. There is a large section of citizens practicing this agriculture and we want them to continue in this line in order to get the agricultural sector developed. Hence, as I said, we have no intention of suspending the subsidisation allocated for the agricultural sector.

Q. After the end of the Iraq-Iran war how do you see the type of relation that should prevail in the region?

A. Iran is geographically situated opposite us across the Gulf, and neither we nor Iran can change this location. If we search for causes of the war, we find most of them economical and most of it were motivated by economic pressure. Countries that launched war like Germany, needed more markets. But Iran has many characteristic features, a thing I was repeating on every occasion I spoke about the causes of war. Iran is an oil producing country, has rivers and agriculture and thus does not need to have more. For us, we do not want anything more from Iran than mutual respect and we will be proud when our relations with them are based on good neighbourly relations and mutual respect. We do not want from Iran more than good neighbourly relations and mutual respect.

pect, the same demands required by the other side of the war. Iraq. We want such relations at the level with Iran, because we cannot ignore the geographic location. We cannot push Iran backwards and Iran cannot do the same with us.

The present formula prevailing in the world tells us that in solving the economic crisis, co-operation and not war is the only means. If we look to the relations between USA and USSR, we can see they are based on co-operation. The relations between the two superpowers have changed and so is the case between other big countries. Economic motives have become a cause for co-operation. It is not a matter of choice. It is a matter of the laws of the solution to achieve objectives and goals. Good and fraternal relations can do that.

Q. What about the industrial interlinking of the GCC member states?

A. This notion has been entertained. The industries proposed for interlinkage must be totally owned by the GCC peoples, whereby each country will benefit from the privileges. It requires co-ordination before we can eventually create integrated industries totally owned by the people. That is to say that such industries, should not be Kuwaiti, Saudi or others, but joint industries with joint funding.

The creation of such industries is part of the GCC objectives. The primary aim is to interlink the interests of our peoples, whereby all citizens could run concerns in any GCC country, and be at home wherever they have to move.

## Talks on short-range nuclear arms

## NATO allies in missile clash

By Richard Balmforth

NATO planners who juggle daily with the numbers of the military balance have become haunted by a single cipher — a zero.

Ever since the superpowers signed the 1987 INF treaty scrapping two classes of intermediate-range nuclear missiles, orthodox voices in NATO warned that Moscow would soon seek a "third zero" eliminating the remaining systems on European soil.

Now to their chagrin it is West Germany, NATO's key ally on the East-West front-line, which appears to have started the momentum towards the third zero.

West Germany, whose territory is dotted with hundreds of nuclear weapons, is pushing for early negotiations with the Warsaw pact to bring stocks of short-range nuclear weapons (SNF) down to equal levels on both sides.

Bonn is not seeking their total withdrawal. But arms control experts, whose opinion is shared by the British and US governments, see such talks as a slippery slope which would inexorably lead to all SNF being scrapped.

The removal of NATO's last land-based nuclear weapons would almost certainly force NATO to make uncomfortable adjustments to its military strategy which is based on a nuclear deterrent, experts say. The issue has split the alliance.

ranging Bonn against Washington and London, and lit a gunpowder trail leading to a summit of NATO heads of government on May 29 and 30.

Bonn has won backing from Belgium and, to some extent, from Denmark, Norway, Greece and Italy.

The United States and Britain, sticking to the letter of an ambiguous NATO statement made two years in Reykjavik, say the SNF question should be tackled only when a balance has been achieved in conventional forces and chemical weapons eliminated.

On Sunday, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl held three hours of intense talks on the nuclear split without any sign of agreement.

"We have quite a lot of work before us," Kohl told a news conference where both he and Thatcher repeated their opposing positions.

Short-range or tactical weapons are those with a range below 500 km (300 miles). On NATO's side, they include Lance missiles which can travel 120 km (75 miles) and very short-range nuclear artillery.

Bonn, arguing that arms control efforts are interlocking pieces of the security jigsaw, says the conventional forces in Europe (CFE) talks in Vienna have a direct bearing on the fate of short-range nuclear weapons. Often termed "battlefield"

weapons, short-range arms would have the specific task in a war of destroying second-wave Soviet assault forces massing in Eastern Europe.

Distressing for West Germans, however, the short range of these weapons means they can only hit their kinsfolk in East Germany.

The Germans argue that as the Warsaw pact's ability to stage a surprise attack diminishes with progress in the CFE talks there is correspondingly less need for tactical nuclear weapons.

"The targets you need SNF for would have gone. You'd have removed them," said Hans Binnendijk, director of studies and a nuclear expert at the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies.

Britain and the United States, more cautious than Bonn in dealings with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, believe opening talks now on SNF would ease the pressure on Moscow at the bargaining table in Vienna.

They would prefer NATO to press ahead with modernisation plans to replace the 88 ageing lance missiles launchers with a much longer-range system which could strike deep into pact territory.

Military experts say an SNF treaty which only reduced, but did not eliminate, would be difficult to verify against cheating. This would make a Soviet call to abolish all SNF systems difficult to resist.



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Baghdad tries to revitalise economy

## Iraq dissolves business federation

BAGHDAD, Iraq, May 2, (AP): The Iraqi government, reversing a 20-year-old nationalisation, dissolved the state-run business federation to allow businessmen to set up their own, the government-run business weekly reported today.

The weekly Al-Irtihad announced that the ruling Revolutionary Command Council decided to disband the General Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and allow merchants and industrialists to set up two separate organisations.

According to the RCC decree, there will be separate chambers of commerce in each Iraqi town, in addition to a national organ-

isation for industrialists.

All members of the two federations will be elected by businessmen in direct and secret balloting, the weekly said.

**System**

The government dissolved the independent system twenty years ago and integrated the two federations into a single body run by the government.

The decision is a further step in trying to revitalise the Iraqi economy by giving private businessmen more freedom in running their affairs.

Iraq is struggling to pay off at least \$30 billion in money borrowed from the West during the 8-year war with Iraq that ended

in a ceasefire last August. To reduce its own financial load the government has started selling all but its heavy industry to the private sector.

Meanwhile, the Iraqi News Agency, INA, said today that Iraq has reached agreement with Mercedes Benz and General Motors on domestic production of their trucks, buses and cars.

**Contracts**

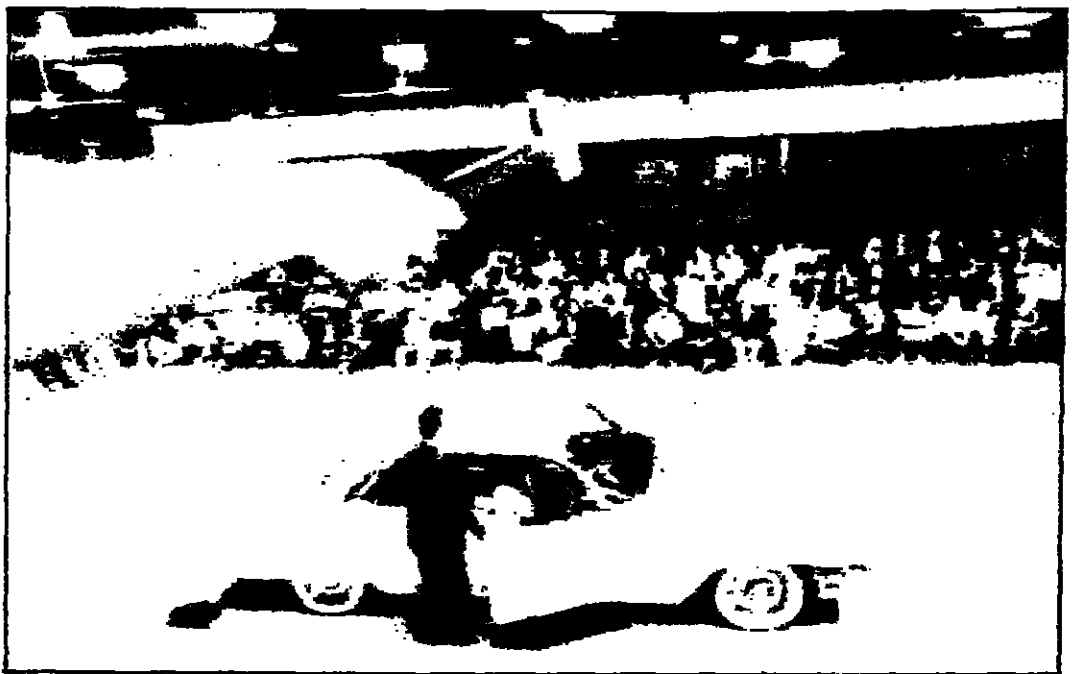
It quoted Hussein Kamel Hassan, minister of industry and military industrialisation, as saying Mercedes trucks and buses would be manufactured as well as 90,000 Chevrolet, Buick, Oldsmobile and Pontiac cars.

He said 30,000 pick-ups and 10,000 smaller cars would also be produced. INA did not make clear if contracts had already been signed.

Hassan also said Iraq was negotiating with several countries to build a shipyard for naval and merchant vessels but gave no details.

Iraq on Friday opened an arms fair in which 28 countries including the Soviet Union, France, Britain and China are taking part.

Iraq itself has more than 200 exhibits. Hassan said Baghdad had told Arab countries it was ready to supply them with weapons at cheaper prices.



White Cadillac sold for \$23,000

A white Cadillac, once owned by the late film actress Marilyn Monroe, was sold for \$23,000 under the auctioneer's hammer on Monday. Businessman buyer Paul Terry said he plans to exhibit the limousine in his west Australian car museum. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Japan's foreign reserves top \$100b

TOKYO, May 2, (AP): Japan's foreign exchange reserves topped \$100 billion in April, a Ministry of Finance official said today.

The ministry official said this marked the largest amount of exchange reserves amassed by one country since the International Monetary Fund began monitoring reserve funds, which measure a country's ability to make foreign payments.

Japan's supply of foreign exchange, which has been increasing since December 1985, reached \$100.361 billion at the end of April, the official said, requesting anonymity.

Although in previous months Japan's foreign reserves had been increasing by about \$500 million per month, in April reserves increased \$1,008 billion.

The official attributed the sudden increase primarily to a surge in income from working capital, including US Treasury bonds.

According to the ministry, in February 1989 the United States had accumulated \$50.426 billion in foreign exchange reserves, while West Germany had \$40.026 billion and the United Kingdom \$34.349 billion. Taiwan's foreign exchange reserves were \$75.600 billion in January 1989, the official said.

## Ford unveils first-quarter earnings

FORD Motor Company had record first-quarter earnings of \$1.64 billion, or \$3.44 per share, chairman Donald E. Petersen and vice-chairman Harold A. Posing said. Earnings in 1989 exceeded last year's previous first-quarter record by \$14 million and per-share results improved 13 cents.

The company's world-wide sales and revenues totalled \$25.9 billion, up 12 per cent from the first quarter of 1988. Factory unit sales were 1,740,000, up 77,000 units, or five per cent.

"Our strong first-quarter earnings are a result of world-wide efforts by the Ford team which has shown once again its commitment to continuous improvement in providing high quality products and services to our customers," said Petersen and Posing.

## High precision digital technology from Hong Kong

HONG KONG has taken a step forward in digital technology, with Hong Kong Digitek Laboratory Limited, a leading expert in the field, recently launching a range of electrical meters designed for professional use.

Measurements are now free from inaccuracy due to guesswork on the exact position of the pointer, as in conventional analogue models. Hong Kong Digitek's digital meters tell it clearly and precisely, with nonsense numerical LCD displays.

Hong Kong Digitek's latest offerings include a multi-functional frequency counter FC-1000AE, hand-held multi-meters DT-930F and DT-830A, and the pen-type auto-ranging digital multi-meter DT3211, all meticulously built to measure more than one electrical specification.

FC-1000AE operates on AC 200-240 volts (V) i.e. between 47 and 63 hertz (Hz).

For information of other Hong Kong Digitek Laboratory Limited products, please contact: Room 1306 Fibres & Fabrics Industrial Centre, 7 Shing Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong. Tel: 3-428281; Fax: (852) 3-431745.

## South Yemen to join ACC

CAIRO, May 2, (Reuters): Abdul Aziz Al Dali said yesterday his country would join Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and North Yemen in their new economic alliance, the Arab Co-operation Council (ACC).

Dali, quoted by the Middle East News Agency (MENA), said after talks on bilateral issues with Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Maguid: "My country wants to be a part of this body."

**Policy**

Leaders of the ACC are expected to meet in the Mediterranean city of Alexandria on May 10.

New economic alliance

Meanwhile, UAE Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Dr Mana Saeed Al Otaiba affirmed in Abu Dhabi at the weekend that GCC countries would continue their policy of working for the improvement of the oil market for the benefit of both producers and consumers.

In a statement on return from Jeddah after attending the 14th meeting of the Oil Co-operation Committee of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) Friday, Otaiba said the panel discussed developments in the oil market and the recent improvement in prices, adding that a number of issues which

would help develop oil co-operation between GCC states had also been taken up.

Earlier, separate statements from the Saudi and UAE ministries of petroleum and mineral resources said that the oil ministers had agreed on proposals submitted by their national oil companies co-operation in gas marketing and transportation.

The statements also said that the committee did not discuss oil production quotas.

Oil and energy ministers from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Oman attended the meeting.

## Factory chiefs call for quick start to Gulf unified scheme

RIYADH, May 2, (Agencies): Factory executives from the Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) have called for the speedy implementation of the proposed unified specifications scheme in the region.

The project is designed to guarantee top quality goods and help protect producers and consumers from trading problems within the GCC, which groups OPEC member countries Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates as well as Oman and Bahrain.

The officials from polystyrene factories in the region also called on secondary industries to depend on the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) for their supply of transplant thermoplastic material instead of foreign sources.

**Priority**

According to the "Al-Jazira" newspaper, the meeting, which was held at the offices of the Gulf Organisation for Industrial Consulting (GOIC) in Doha, stressed that SABIC should give priority to supplying these factories with materials.

It was also recommended that close co-operation be maintained with the GCC general secretariat for the establishment of a research and development centre for plastic industries in the region.

The officials further urged that domestic labour be encouraged to join the petrochemical and associated industries in the Gulf so that foreign workers could be ultimately phased out.

**Obstacles**

The meeting heard that a feasibility study carried out by the GOIC on the provision of a plant to produce toluene isocyanate, a liquid aromatic hydrocarbon derived from petroleum, had shown "encouraging" results.

Meanwhile more than 1,035 million hectares out of a total agricultural area of 53,049 million hectares in member states of the Gulf Co-operation Council are now actually cultivated, according to a latest booklet of the GCC general secretariat released here yesterday.

The Jeddah-based Al Madina Arabic daily said the GCC

booklet shed light on the obstacles facing agricultural development in the GCC states including the technological, organizational, financial and investment problems.

The booklet noted that the sixth GCC summit conference held in 1985 underlined the importance of agricultural development, increase production, exploitation of hydraulic resources and joint projects by the private sector.

It dealt with irrigation resources, the adopted agricultural systems, the development plans, agricultural and veterinary quarantines as well as the agricultural research centres.

The booklet contains also regulations and legislations adopted by the GCC general secretariat on the joint agricultural policy and means for preservation and exploitation of water resources.

## Ministers seek payments cut

WASHINGTON, (AP): Mexican and Venezuelan cabinet ministers called yesterday for a reduction in the billions they pay on foreign debt, and heard Secretary of State James Baker press for case-by-case talks.

"Governments of creditor countries have promised changes in accounting, tax and banking regulations to facilitate a reduction of debt and payments on it," said Mexican Finance Secretary Pedro Aspe.

"Now it is up to those governments to keep their promises and up to the banks to absorb the

losses recognised by the market, in order to begin with Mexico a new era of prosperity and progress."

Markets last week valuing Mexican debt at 43 cents on the dollar. If that valuation were generally accepted, the banks' Mexico's interest payments would be cut in half. Mexico has about \$7 billion in principal and interest payments to be made this year. It is negotiating with banks on how to find the money.

"Democratic process in Latin America is being subjected to severe tests everywhere, and the

underlying cause is the economic crisis which most of our countries confront..." warned the Venezuelan Minister of the Presidency, Reinaldo Figueredo.

In February Venezuela's newly-elected government had to deal with riots brought on by price increases that were imposed to help meet debt payments.

Figueredo said that Latin America needs not only a reduction of debt payments but a permanent inflow of money. In recent years, there have been net outflows of money from Latin America to creditor countries.

## Exxon chairman under pressure in worst US spill

NEW YORK, May 2, (AP): Exxon Corp. chairman Lawrence G. Rawl keeps a book about the shipwrecks on a shelf in his office. To the head of the biggest US oil company, the worst shipwreck happened on his watch, and he's paying the price of public rebuke.

The one-time petroleum engineer, who took over Exxon's helm in January 1987, has agonised over the beating that Exxon's image has taken since one of its supertankers hit a reef in Valdez, Alaska. It spewed 250,000 barrels of crude oil into Pristine Prince William Sound, the worst spill in US history.

Rightly or wrongly, critics have accused the 60-year-old executive of mismanaging the disaster from the start, particularly because he seemed to remain hidden from the press and public for a week afterward.

While the nation awaited word from Exxon about the spill on that March morning, Rawl

admits he was holed up at his house in a New York suburb.

"I figured the best thing to do was stay by the phone. So I spent the day on the phone at home, basically," Rawl said in a recent interview in his Manhattan office.

**Convince**

In fact, Rawl said, he had to convince himself not to rush to Alaska to take charge after aides called with the news a few hours after the Exxon Valdez had grounded.

But after consulting with company executives, he said he decided his presence in Valdez would detract from the critical first task of keeping the supertanker from leaking more oil.

Rawl, whose personal earnings topped \$9 million last year, is not well-known to the outside world. For the first time since he joined Exxon in 1952, he had to publicly

defend himself and his company against what he calls "deep and virulent attacks," something with which he is clearly uncomfortable.

He says trying to convince an unbelieving public of the 107-year-old company's sincerity has become the most painful crisis of his career.

Rawl said he believes fate has guided his career and will continue to do so.

"Sometimes you're not sure whether it's good or bad luck ... but there's been a lot of luck," he said.

Despite his new role in the limelight, Rawl remains an enigma to many Wall Street analysts who follow the company.

"This is the only company that analysts don't get a chance to sit with the operating management," said Frank P. Knefel, with the investment firm Prudential-Bache Securities Inc.

## Manipulators send Taiwan stocks soaring

TAIPEI, May 2, (Reuters): Taiwan's shadowy stock manipulators have thwarted government efforts to tax them out of Asia's second biggest share market and they are back, helping to push the booming bourse to new highs.

Share analysts said the 'big hands' — a group of wealthy individuals and underground investment companies — are again at the forefront of trading, playing a game that last year gave investors here a roller coaster ride.

The manipulators' reappearance surprised many analysts, who predicted that a tax on share profits introduced on January 1 would drive them out of business.

**Bluntly**

"They have been acting very bluntly," said Daniel Chiang, vice-president of International Investment Trust.

Analysts said the market's resurgence is due mostly to new efforts by big players to jack prices higher.

"As the market heats up the big guys are interested in keeping it going so the small players will jump in. Then, later, they can unload on them," said one foreign analyst.

The government introduced the tax on profits on annual stock sales exceeding 10 million Taiwan dollars (\$389,000) to halt the waves of buying and selling inspired by manipulators.

"The tax doesn't seem to have had that effect on them at all," said Dickson Ho, senior analyst at W.I. Carr (Taiwan).

Instead, manipulators are finding new ways to run the market, sending both the index and daily turnover sky-rocketing.

Taiwan's weighted share index gained 257.9 points or 3.2 per cent today to end at 8,357.96, close to its record high of 8,789.78 posted last Sept 24. Turnover was at a record 105.15 billion Taiwan dollars (\$4.1 billion) compared with the previous 102.62 billion (\$4 billion) on April 19.

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## Sir John Boyd dies

LONDON, May 2, (AP): Sir John Boyd, a miner's son who grew up to lead Britain's engineering workers' union for seven years, has died at the age of 71, the British Broadcasting Corp. announced yesterday.

Boyd, who was a governor of the BBC from 1982 until July 1987, died yesterday at his home in Eastbourne, south of London, the BBC said.

From 1967 to 1975 Boyd sat on the General Council of the Trades Union Congress, the national organisation of unions.

He started work as an engineering worker, became a trade union organiser in 1946 and was president of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions in 1964.

Boyd spent years fighting communists and the left for control of the 1.5-million-member Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, and was its general secretary from 1975 to 1982.

## Dollar strengthens

LONDON, May 2, (AP): The US dollar rose in early European trading today following a three-day May Day holiday weekend in most financial capitals. Gold prices fell.

Foreign currency dealers said the dollar appears to have lots of support, partly from high interest rates.

"The market doesn't appear to be afraid of anything right now," said Oswald Dietrich, head market risk adviser for Bank of America in Frankfurt.

Other traders said the holiday-shortened week could result in thin volumes exaggerating any changes in the dollar. Some European markets will also be closed on Thursday for Ascension Day.

Other dollar rates at midmorning, compared with late Friday:

- 1.8871 West German marks, up from 1.8805
- 1.6847 Swiss francs, up from 1.6742
- 6.3804 French francs, up from 6.3650
- 2.1265 Dutch guilders, up from 2.1220
- 1.380.25 Italian lire, up from 1.377.50
- 1.1838 Canadian dollars, up from 1.1835

In London, one British pound cost \$1.6831, more than one cent cheaper than 1.6945 on Friday.

Gold prices down

Gold opened in London at a bid price of \$377.25 a troy ounce, down from \$378.25 bid late Friday. At midmorning, the City's five major bullion dealers fixed a recommended price of \$376.90.

In Zurich, the bid price was \$377.40, down from \$377.75 bid late Friday.

Earlier, in Hong Kong, gold rose \$1.41 close at a bid \$378.18. Silver was quoted in London at a bid price of \$5.64 a troy ounce, up from Friday's \$5.63.

In Tokyo, the US dollar took a breather after surging in New York yesterday but Tokyo stock prices streaked onward into record territory.

The dollar closed easier ahead of a five-day market holiday in Japan and on fears of concerted intervention in overseas markets later today to stem its ascent, dealers said.

The US currency closed at 133.85 yen and 1.8843 West German marks against 134.05 yen and 1.8905 marks at yesterday's New York close. It had started yesterday in New York at 133.00 yen and 1.8810 marks.

In Tokyo there was some small-scale intervention by the Bank of Japan, which sold dollars for yen, but this had little effect on the buoyant US currency, dealers said.

The dollar's recent strength is partly due to news on Friday of a key economic indicator which showed that the American economy is growing more robustly than previously thought, dealers said.

But some currency dealers in Tokyo fear that if the dollar flies too high against the yen, the Bank of Japan may protect the currency by raising Japan's discount rate.

Stock market investors, however, had another bullish day and pushed the Nikkei index to its fifth-straight record closing high.

The Nikkei index rose 161.82 points, or 0.48 per cent, to 33,954.99. Yesterday it rose 79.82 points to the previous record close of 33,793.17.

"The opinion is that next week it doesn't matter what one buys because everything will be up," said one senior broker at a Japanese securities house.

**Concern**

"Everyone is bullish on everything," he said.

Brokers said there was still some concern over a possible rise in the discount rate, but most believed such a hike was unlikely to take place in the near future.

Trading was subdued in Far East oil markets ahead of national holidays in Japan.

## Ogilvy stock up sharply

NEW YORK, May 2, (AP): Stock in Ogilvy group rocketed higher yesterday on the news that Britain's WPP Group PLC had offered to buy the rival ad agency in a \$730-million deal.

Ogilvy was up \$15.75 a share at \$7.75 in early trading following Sunday's disclosure of the proposed \$45-a-share buyout by WPP group. If completed, the takeover would create a giant advertising holding company vying with Britain's Saatchi and Saatchi PLC as the world's largest.

Ogilvy, the New York-based parent of Ogilvy and Mather World-wide, said the offer was unsolicited and the company wanted to remain independent.

However, an industry source with knowledge of the offer said Kenneth Roman, Ogilvy's chairman and chief executive, had been in talks with WPP group chief executive Martin Sorrell before the offer was made.

**Buyout**

WPP, parent of J. Walter Thompson Co. of New York, proposed the all-cash buyout in a letter from Sorrell that Ogilvy received later Friday, an Ogilvy spokeswoman said.

"Mr Sorrell's proposal letter to Ogilvy appears primarily to be a sales pitch which suffers from serious flaws in business logic," Roman said in a statement on Sunday.

"The boot-strap character of WPP's approach is further underlined by the lack of committed financing," he said.

However, the industry source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that Sorrell had provided Ogilvy with a letter from WPP's bankers certifying

the availability of funding.

Roman said Ogilvy had record earnings and revenues in 1988 and that it had no desire to be taken over. He said the company's directors would consider the WPP proposal "in due course."

London-based WPP confirmed its offer in a statement on Sunday but declined further comment.

WPP had world-wide billings last year of \$7.8 billion placing it third among the world's ad agency holding companies, according to advertising age, a trade publication. Ogilvy had billings of \$5.7 billion, placing it fifth. Combined, their billings would have about equalled Saatchi and Saatchi's \$13.5 billion.

The second-ranked ad holding company last year was New York-based Interpublic Group of Cos., parent of McCann-Erickson World-wide, with world-wide billings of \$8.4 billion.

Sorrell's WPP Group bought J. Walter Thompson in 1987 for \$566 million in the ad industry's first hostile takeover.

The industry source said that Sorrell was interested in Ogilvy chiefly because of its large presence outside the United States and its strength in so-called non-media advertising — public relations, marketing services, research and related activities.

The source said Sorrell's six-page letter outlined how the two companies were complementary, with each having a major presence in these non-media advertising areas and non-US activities.

A combined WPP-Ogilvy would obtain half its sales and profits outside the United States, and 45 per cent of its sales and profits from non-media operations, the source said.

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129/3	TIME INCOR	0	119/6
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21/4	TORCHMARK	0	35/7
48/1	TOSCO	4/4	4/3
61/4	TOYS R US	43/0	43/0
126/3	TRANSAPER	0	34/5
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7/3	TRANSCO EX	0	5/7
42/2	TRAVELLERS	0	39/6
19/6	TRINITY INT	35/1	35/5
38/3	TV CORP	32/0	32/0
22/3	TYCO LABS	35/1	35/2
45/0	UAL CORP	129/6	129/4
18/5	UTD BRAND	14/2	14/2
27/4	UTD TECH	51/4	52/0
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13/4	US SHOE	16/6	16/5
56/2	USX CP	33/6	33/3
17/0	US WEST	64/6	56/0
51/4	US AIR CP	43/4	43/7
82/5	VALERO	17/2	17/2
11/3	VALLEY IND	2/1	2/2
5/6	VARCO INTL	4/6	4/5
32/4	VARIAN ASS	26/2	26/2
1/5	V PNT PEPP	56/7	56/6
69/5	WATCON OIL	71/3	71/3
55/1			
9/0			

32/0	SHINING	0	38/5
59/4	SNAP ON TL	0	38/4
74/1	SOURCE CAP	0	23/5
12/2	SOUTHERN	0	31/2
34/3	SPAIN FUND	0	9/0
26/5	SPERRY	0	54/1
12/5	SQUARE D	0	35/7
13/5	SQUIBB	0	48/2
27/1	STONE CONT	0	45/4
50/6	SUN CO	0	3/2
42/4	SUNDRSTANO	0	26/4
49/0	SUNSH MIN	0	27/4
1/3	SUPER VAL	0	10/7
27/0	SOUTHWEST	0	45/8
18/5	SV GAS	0	46/0
29/0	SAN BELL	0	23/8
20/2	TOX	0	22/4
25/1	TECO ENERG	0	300/5
53/0	TEKTRONIX	0	23/5
8/7	TELETYPE	0	44/0
19/3	TELEPHONIC	0	12/7
17/6	TELEX CORP	0	*13
4/5	TERADYNE	0	*12
22/3	TEX AMER B	0	68/6
6/2	TEX EAS TR	0	54/0
27/0	TEXACO	53/7	35/0
5/1	TEXAS IND	34/6	39/7
0	TEXAS INST	39/7	26/7
89/4	TEXTRON	27/1	0
9/2	THOMPS MED	0	22/3
24/7	TIDEMATER	0	10/0
129/3	TIME INCOR	0	119/6
84/6	TIMKEN	0	35/6
21/4	TORCHMARK	0	35/7
48/1	TOSCO	4/4	4/3
61/4	TOYS R US	43/0	43/0
126/3	TRANSAPER	0	34/5
23/5	TRANSO EN	0	39/3
7/3	TRANSCO EX	0	5/7
42/2	TRAVELLERS	0	39/6
19/6	TRINITY INT	35/1	35/5
38/3	TV CORP	32/0	32/0
22/3	TYCO LABS	35/1	35/2
45/0	UAL CORP	129/6	129/4
18/5	UTD BRAND	14/2	14/2
27/4	UTD TECH	51/4	52/0
21/1	UNILEVER	62/0	64/0
97/5	UNION CAMP	36/7	37/1
18/5	UNION CARB	31/3	31/3
13/4	US SHOE	16/6	16/5
56/2	USX CP	33/6	33/3
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## International Bond Highlights

WASHINGTON: Citicorp chairman John Reed has invited the heads of leading international banks to a meeting in New York Tuesday to draw up a response to Mexico's bid for debt relief, Mexican Finance Minister Pedro Aspe said. (CXCUC 2240)

Mexico City: Mexico's President Carlos Salinas de Gortari said his government would take negotiations with its foreign creditors as far as necessary to win the benefits the country needs. (CXCUC 2221)

New York: The advisory committee of Venezuela's commercial bank creditors is expected to resume talks on Thursday without Venezuela's debt negotiating team, bankers said. (CXCUC 2138)

Washington: A high-level Venezuelan official said significant debt relief must accompany tough reform measures if struggling Latin American nations are to avert social tension and debt fatigue. (CXCUC 1843)

Tokyo: Japan's Association of Securities Dealers has started to list standardized prices for 42 Eurodollar warrants on the implications of the new US debt reduction initiative, Assistant Treasury Secretary David Mulford said. (CXCUC 1924)

Washington: The World Bank said it will lend India \$200 million to improve the domestic transport of oil products and to increase the country's pool of skilled workers. (CXCUC 2250)

## BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	104	105	102	MUK IRON	123.50	122	118
ACC	311	308	301.50	GNFC	41.75	41.50	38.75	NAT INDEX	397.56	401.77
ALUM CHEM	---	---	---	GRASIM	135	137	132	NAT ORG	---	---
ALU MIS	---	---	---	GSFC	146.25	143.75	138.75	NIPON	41	40
ARI FAB	---	---	---	GUJ ALK	72	72	70.50	NOCIL	905	910
ASHOK LEY	84	86	82	GUJ HEAVY	14	11	13	ORWAY	24	23
ASIA PAINT	201.25	197.50	202.50	HERO HONDA	27	27	28	OSVAL AGRO	77.50	77.50
ATLAS COP	46	46	46	HIND CIBA	1080	1080	1050	PEICO	28	25
AUTO CORP	83.75	81	83	HIND COBA	108.75	110	108	PFIZER	80	78
BAJAJ AUTO	441.75	435	427.50	HIND LEVER	82	83	83	PREM AUTO	62	61
BAR RAYON	485	475	465	HIND MOTOR	48.75	48	46.50	RANBAXY	116.25	112.50
BK BOND	152.50	150	148	HINDALCO	317.50	315	302.50	RAY WOOL	81.50	80.50
BLOM PLAST	---	---	---	INDOCL	870	860	860	RECKITT	192.50	185
BOM DYE	161	162	152	IND ORG	40.50	39	39	RELIANCE	136.50	134.50
BSE INDEX	770.90	780.36	780.36	IND RAY	105	106	100	SESA DGA	49	48
BURR WEL	215	202.50	210	INDOR	323.75	322.50	315	SURFI FIB	85	82.50
CANSHARE	200	190	200	INGERSOLL	360	360	360	SIEMENS	76	75
CEN ENKA	2850	2830	2750	ITC	95	94	95	SKF	2960	2950
CEN SPG	1900	1905	1850	KJ SYN	87	83	82	SPIC	59	58
COLGATE	347.50	347.50	335	KIN ENG	185	185	180	ST HILLS	315	320
CROKIT GR	940	920	950	KIR CUMH	75	74	75	TATA CHEM	120.50	121
DCM	13	12	13	KSB PUMPS	380	---	---	TATA OIL	70	67.50
DEEP FERT	30	30.50	28.50	L AND T	103	103	99	TATA POW	370	365
DUNLOP	95	90	92.50	LIPION	80	79	79	TELCO	870	860
EI HOTELS	57	56	57	MAC RUSSEL	---	110	110	THAPP AGRO	---	---
ESKAYE	68	68	66	MAC RUSSEL	99	97.50	99	TISCO	1455	1445
ESSAY SP	24	25	24	MAHINDRA	107	107	104	VAM ORG	170	165
FOOD SPL	209.50	210	202.50	MAS SHARE	20.50	20	19.50	VARELI	32.50	32.75
FORBES	50	49	47	MICO	645	630	635	VOLTA	690	670
GAR POLY	76.25	75	75	HILLFOOD	250	240	240	WUNCO	26.50	26.50
GE SHIPPING	44.25	44	42	NRF LTD	447.50	440	450	ZIARI AGRO	65	63

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
AGE	216.5 218.0
ALLIANZ VR	1760.0 1780.0
BADENWERK	192.0 190.2
BASF	301.0 300.8
BAYER	301.0 300.8
BAYER HYP	39.90 40.90
BAYER VER	381.0 401.0
BBK	442.0 443.0
BHF	468.0 471.0
BMW	511.0 514.0
COMMERZB	251.5 252.3
CONTI GUMH	264.5 265.0
DAIMER BEN	660.0 669.5
DEUTSCH BANK	551.5 554.0
DLW	544.0 549.0
DRESNER B	325.5 326.0
DI BABCOCK	161.5 164.2
FAZ INDEX	0 577.99
FERROVIAL	351.0 358.5
GLS	391.0 398.0
GRUNDFOS	351.0 358.5
HARPER	456.0 460.0
HARPER AG	300.3 301.5
HESCH	245.0 247.3
HORTEN	248.5 248.5
HUSSEL HLD	555.0 553.0
KALI SALZ	196.5 198.0
KARSTADT	480.0 479.5
KAUFHOFF	464.0 465.0
KLOECK H	165.0 168.0
KLOECK W	164.5 169.0
LINDE	730.0 734.0
LUFTHANSA	167.0 167.0
MAN	283.5 283.9
MANNESMAN	233.0 233.5
MERCEDES	516.0 527.0
METALLGES	436.0 434.0
NIXDORF PF	299.5 302.0
NORSK HYD	47.60 47.90
PHILIP KOM	705.5 709.0
PORSCHE	690.0 695.0
PREUSSAG	268.0 270.5
PUL	299.0 295.0
RHEINMETAL	430.0 436.0
RUE	274.0 276.1
RUE P	238.0 241.0
SALAMANDER	339.0 340.0
SCHERING	635.5 638.0
SEL	320.0 322.0
SIEMENS	531.0 534.0
THYSEN	236.0 238.3
VARTA	379.5 375.0
VEBA	293.8 295.0
VEW	169.3 169.5
VOLKSWAGEN	336.0 340.0

## HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
BANK EA	16.50 16.50
CATHAY	9.40 9.35
CAVEWISH	4.17 4.02
CHUNG K	10.70 10.60
CHINA L-P	14.70 14.50
DAIRY FARM	7.15 7.10
EVERGO IND	3.05 2.90
GT EAGLE	0 0
H S INDEX	156.37 123.87
HAFCO	20 20
HANG LUNG	6.35 6.25
HENDERSON	6.60 6.45
HK BANK	6.30 6.25
HK ELEC	8.05 8.05
HK GAS	20.80 20.90
HK LAND	11.80 11.60
HK TELECOM	5.40 5.40
HK'S HOTEL	6.15 6.20
HOPEWELL	3.65 3.62
HS BANK	25.30 25.20
HUTCHINSON	11.50 11.40
HYSON DEV	1.66 1.63
JAR MATH	23.40 23.00
JSH	13.50 13.20
KH SUN	9.10 8.95
LAI BUS	170 168
MANDARIN O	0 0
MIRAMAR	9.05 9.00
NEW WORLD	14.10 13.90
PAUL Y CON	1.56 1.53
SIN PROP	14.70 14.50
STELLAR	3.20 3.15
SWIRE A	21.50 21.30
TAT CHEUNG	5.70 5.70
TV-B	1.27 1.27
WHAIR	11.70 11.40
WINSOR	10.60 10.60
WORLD INTL	5.10 4.97

## AMMAN

OPN	CLSE
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	0.79 0.83
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	0.50 0.50
ARAB BANK	3.75 3.60
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	3.64 3.64
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.79 1.72
ARAB INSURANCE	4.25 4.40
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	1.12 1.11
ARAB INT. UNION INS	5.00 5.00
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.91 0.91
ARAB JOR/INVST/BK	5.45 5.45
ARAB PAPER CON/TRO	0.45 0.43
ARAB PHARMA/CHEN	1.65 1.65
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.00 0.95
BANK OF JORDAN	31.00 30.00
BETT AL-HAL/BEITNA	1.05 1.25
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	0.75 0.71
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	4.60 4.60
DAR AL SHAAS PRESS	2.39 2.63
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	1.27 1.25
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	2.27 2.10
FINANCE/CREDIT/CON	0.75 0.75
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	1.44 1.44
GENERAL INSURANCE	1.63 1.65
GENERAL INVESTMENT	0.75 0.75
GENERAL MINING	0.13 0.13
HIMEN MINERALS	0.90 0.90
HOLY LAND INS.	0.64 0.64
IND. JAHAT JEMCO	0.79 0.80
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP	1.08 1.29
INDUSTRIAL/CON/AGR.	19.75 19.75
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	1.90 1.90
INTERN. CON/INV	25.05 25.05
JORDAN ELECTRICITY	1.20 1.22
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	2.30 2.30
ITERED/PETRI/CH	1.20 1.20
J.TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79 0.80
JERUSALEM SP.	1.08 1.29
JO TABACCO/CIGARET	1.90 1.90
JO CERAMIC FACTOR	25.05 25.05
JOR EAGLE INS.	1.20 1.22
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	2.30 2.30
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20 1.20
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.79 0.80
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	1.08 1.29
JOR INDUSTRY CHEN.	1.90 1.90
JOR INS AND FIN.	25.05 25.05
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79 0.83
JOR LIM BRICK	0.50 0.50
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	3.75 3.60
JOR NATIONAL BANK	3.64 3.64
JOR PAPER CARDBRGG	1.79 1.72
JOR PROSPERITY MINS	4.25 4.40
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.12 1.11
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	5.00 5.00
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	0.91 0.91
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	5.45 5.45
JOR SECURIT CORP	0.45 0.43
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	1.65 1.65
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.00 0.95
JOR WORSTED MLL	31.00 30.00
JOR. KIMAIT AGR	1.05 1.25
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	0.75 0.71
JOR. FRENCH INS.	4.60 4.60
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	2.39 2.63
JORDAN GULF REAL	1.27 1.25
JORDAN GULF BANK	2.27 2.10
JORDAN INSURANCE	0.75 0.75
JORDAN ISLAMIC BKK	1.44 1.44
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.63 1.65
JORDAN TANNING	0.75 0.75
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.69 0.73
MACH/ENG/RENT/MAIN	2.00 2.02
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.75 0.75
MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	1.94 1.90
NATIONAL ALHIA INS	0.97 0.96
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.25 0.28
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	2.55 2.50
PETRA BANK	0.35 0.35
PETRA JOR.INS.	1.10 1.11
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.79 0.80
PRECAST CONCRETE	1.08 1.29
RAFFA INDUSTRIAL	19.75 19.75
REAL ESTATE INV.	1.90 1.90
SHIPPING LINES	25.05 25.05
SPINNING WEAVING	1.20 1.22
THE HOUSING BANK	2.30 2.30
UNITED INSURANCE	1.20 1.20
UNIVERSAL CHEN.IND	0.79 0.80
UNIVERSAL INS.	1.08 1.29
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	1.90 1.90
YARMOUK INSURANCE	25.05 25.05

## PHILIPPINES MAKATI

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	91.50	92.00	91.00
AC-A	19.00	19.25	18.50	LC-B	31	32	31
ANS	3.15	3.50	3.00	PK-A	33	34	34
GLO	31.50	32.00	31.00	PK-B	34	35	34
PLDT	302.50	305.00	297.50	OIL SECTOR	---	---	---
KPSI-A	3.60	3.65	3.50	BP-A	0.015	0.016	0.015
KPSI-B	4.00	4.10	4.00	BP-B	0.016	0.017	0.016
SME-A	217.00	218.00	218.00	LC-A	0.034	0.034	0.034
SME-B	300.00	302.50	302.50	LC-B	0.045	0.046	0.046
MINING SECTOR	---	---	---	OPN-A	0.046	0.047	0.047
APX-A	0.021	0.022	0.022	OPN-B	0.043	0.044	0.045
APX-B	0.021	0.022	0.022	OV-A	0.043	0.044	0.045
AT-A	54.50	55.00	57.50	OV-B	0.044	0.045	0.046

## Makati Stock Market Report

SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	2,181,275	24,395,212.50	1,180.09	22.32 UP
MINING	154,644,150	12,928,070.00	5,564.68	101.70 DN
OIL	473,300,000	13,427,110.00	6,838	0.08 DN
TOTAL	630,125,425	50,748,392.50	998.45	0.17 UP

## PHILIPPINES MANILA

STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	91.50	92.00	90.50
SME-A	218.00	219.00	219.00	LC-B	31	32	31
SME-B	300.00	302.50	302.50	PK-A	33	34	34
SD-TIRE	42.00	45.00	40.00	PK-B	34	35	34
PLDT	305.00	307.50	300.00	OIL SECTOR	---	---	---
ANSOR-A	3.15	3.50	3.00	BP-A	0.015	0.016	0.015
AC-A	19.00	19.25	18.50	BP-B	0.016	0.017	0.016
GLO	31.50	32.00	31.00	LC-A	0.034	0.034	0.034
FER-A	2.04	2.06	2.04	LC-B	0.034	0.036	0.036
FER-B	2.26	2.24	2.24	OPN-A	0.045	0.046	0.046
MINING SECTOR	---	---	---	OPN-B	0.046	0.047	0.047
APX-A	0.021	0.022	0.022	OV-A	0.043	0.044	0.045
APX-B	0.021	0.022	0.022	OV-B	0.044	0.045	0.046
AT-A	54.50	55.00	57.50	TA	0.022	0.023	0.022
AT-B	55.00	56.00	62.00	---	---	---	---

## Manila Stock Market Report

SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	3,631,580	25,533,237.5	1177.19	UP 22.45
MINING	332,104,800	18,713,605	5216.81	DN 127.95
OILS	732,300,000	20,072,270	7,378	DN 0.010
TOTAL	1,068,236,380	64,319,112.5	1004.35	UP 2.00

## SINGAPORE

NAME	LAST PR	CL	8 KENT	8 KEPPEL	434
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## Oil-starved Nepal to seek help from China

KATHMANDU, May 2, (Reuters): Nepal, whose economy is in near collapse because of a trade feud with India, will ask China for petroleum and other essential goods, Finance Minister Bharat Bahadur Pradhan said yesterday.

"We will definitely explore the possibilities of supplying petroleum products and other essential commodities for Nepal with the Chinese authorities," Pradhan told reporters before leaving for Beijing.

"I am hopeful our friends will help us in the hour of this economic crisis," he said.

Pradhan will be in Beijing for the annual meeting of the Asian Development Bank from May 4 to May 6 followed by a meeting of the Nepal-China inter-governmental committee.

India cut off petroleum supplies to the landlocked Himalayan kingdom after trade and transit treaties between the two countries expired on March 23.

**Ties**  
Nepal, which is bordered on three sides by India, has been developing its ties with China in recent years much to India's chagrin.

New Delhi fumed when Nepal purchased anti-aircraft guns and other weapons last year from China, with whom India fought a border war in 1962.

Indian customs officials said at the weekend that Nepal has exported just one shipment since the treaties expired — a load of goatskins.

The Nepali finance minister said the government is losing nearly a million dollars a day because of the feud with India, which had supplied all Nepal's petroleum and most of its essential commodities.

Pradhan said the economy would not reach its target of 5.3 per cent growth in gross domestic product in the 1988/89 fiscal year ending in June, but would probably remain at the previous year's level of 1.6 per cent.

The current annualised rate of inflation of 11 per cent will probably rise, he said.

## Taipei plan approved to cut tariffs on 4,739 items

TAIPEI, Taiwan, May 2, (AP): The cabinet yesterday approved proposed tariff cuts on nearly 5,000 agricultural, consumer and industrial products to further open Taiwan's market, the government reported.

Under the proposal submitted by the Finance Ministry, the average import tariffs on 4,739 items would drop to 9.73 per cent from the current average rate of 12.57 per cent, the government Information Centre said in a statement.

Officials said the proposed cuts, which would take effect in July if the lawmaking legislative Yuan approves, are the most sweeping tariff reductions, even in Taiwan.

The reductions, which cover trucks, machinery, home electrical appliances, consumer and agricultural products, would affect more than 60 per cent of the total 7,800 import items listed by Taiwan.

With the cuts, the Taiwan government would lose about 11 billion Taiwan dollars (\$407 million) in annual tax revenue.

Meanwhile the cabinet agreed to offer preferential import tariffs to East Germany, Hungary and Yugoslavia on a fair and mutually beneficial basis.

Taiwan has no diplomatic ties with those communist nations but the government recently eased trade restrictions to encourage direct trade with East European countries.

Taiwan has been under pressure from the United States, this island's largest trading partner, to cut its huge trade surplus. The 1988 tariff cuts on 3,500 items helped reduce Taiwan's surplus with the United States, which fell 35 per cent to \$10.4 billion on total trade of \$36.43 billion.

Last month, Taiwan officials presented to Washington a timetable for planned reductions of the surplus. Under the plan, Taiwan gradually would cut its tariffs to 10.25 per cent this year and to an average seven per cent in 1992.

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## Move to help restore US competitiveness

# MIT study calls for grassroot changes

NEW YORK, May 2, (AP): A new study released today shows that since the economy is becoming global, US managers should know more about foreign cultures and ways of doing business to help restore US competitiveness.

The MIT study shows that grassroot changes by companies, labour unions, schools and workers also are needed.

While government has a role to play, changes that come from the bottom up are essential to improving the nation's lagging productivity, the two-year study by Massachusetts Institute of Technology concludes.

The report by MIT scientists, engineers and economists, called "Made in America," pegs weakness in US industry as the biggest threat to the nation's standard of living and security.

"To live well, a nation must produce well," says the lead sentence in the study, which is being released as a 344-page hardcover book.

Among the three principal authors is Robert Solow, who won the 1987 Nobel memorial prize in economic science and is vice-chairman of MIT's commission on industrial productivity.

The other main authors are Michael L. Dertouzos, chairman of the commission and a professor of electrical engineering and computer science, and Richard K. Lester, executive director of the commission and an associate professor of nuclear engineering.

In an optimistic conclusion, the study says that if the right steps are taken, "this nation has every chance of entering the 21st century displaying the same dynamism that characterised its industrial performance throughout much of the present century."

The MIT study differs from many others in that it does not focus on such economic issues as the high cost of capital in the United States and the shortage of national savings.

### Concerned

Instead, it focuses on what it calls an excessive concern with short-term profits; outdated corporate strategies that focus too much on mass production and the domestic US market; and lack of co-operation within and among US companies.

It also puts the blame on neglect of people, technological failures in translat-

ing discoveries into products, and unwise public policies.

For industry, the main recommendation is to focus on steady, continuous improvements in the production process. That involves meeting customers' demands for higher quality, faster delivery and more custom-tailoring.

To hurry things along, companies should go to work on designing products and the processes for making them before the research and development is even complete, the study says.

Suppliers should be treated as allies rather than adversaries, the study says. Since the economy is becoming global, US managers should know more about foreign cultures and ways of doing business it says.

Companies should cultivate a work-force that is more involved in the company's welfare, less specialised, and continuously learning, the study says. Labour representatives should be accepted as "legitimate and valued partners in the innovation process," the report asserts.

But it also says traditional labour-union stands on work rules, job security and

compensation "need to be revised to fit a world of changing technologies, international competition and a more educated work force."

For government, it recommends taking steps to raise private savings and cut the federal budget deficit; opening foreign markets; making labour laws more flexible; supporting research and development; and making military spending more efficient.

It also recommends using tax and credit legislation to make it harder and more expensive to raise large sums of money for corporate takeovers and buyouts.

On education, it says government should get schools to promote "technological literacy" and encourage companies to do more on-the-job education and training.

The study acknowledges that many companies are too small to do extensive education and training, while others are afraid that employees will quit and take their newly acquired skills elsewhere.

In contrast, the study says, West German and Japanese employers feel they have a stake in maintaining a national reservoir of skilled workers.

## Bid to increase savings

# Egypt plans to raise rates

CAIRO, May 2, (Agencies): Egypt plans to announce increases on domestic interest rates in two weeks time, a Central Bank official said today.

Cairo newspapers quoted Prime Minister Atef Sedki last week as saying interest rates would be raised on Monday in a move to increase savings. Yesterday was a public holiday in Egypt and all banks were closed.

The official, who asked not to be identified, told Reuters: "We are working on the final details and expect to make the announcement in two weeks."

### Loans

He said the Central Bank recommended an increase of two to four per cent on deposit rates and one to two per cent on loans. Banks now have a maximum rate of 13 per cent on deposits.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has urged Egypt to hoist interest rates up to 25 per cent as part of economic reforms which would clear the way for new credits and a rescheduling of

foreign debt.

Egypt, which has problems servicing a foreign debt of \$43 billion, hopes to reach agreement with the IMF to reschedule about \$4 billion due from July 1 last year to end of next month.

A new, significant oilfield has been discovered in Egypt, the Egyptian Gulf of Suez Petroleum Company said yesterday.

A GUPCO spokesman described the find as "significant," showing promise of more oil in the area, he said.

### Production

Petroleum Minister Abdel-Hadi Qandil instructed GUPCO to begin immediate development of the oilfield.

The new field itself has potential for an initial production of 4,300 barrels a day, he said. It was discovered near the Gulf of Suez port of Shokair, about 160 miles southeast of Cairo, the spokesman said.

Most of Egypt's currently estimated daily production of about 836,000 barrels comes

from the Gulf of Suez area.

The oil was found about 6,000 feet deep in a certain sandstone layer, in which oil has never been found before, the spokesman said.

The oil also is flowing naturally "rather than by artificial means," which is also significant, he said.

Asked when the new field will be pumping commercially, the spokesman said, "it is still too early to say when exactly."

Meanwhile Egyptair has ordered seven Airbus A300-600R jets, with an option on six more planes, Airbus Industrie said last week.

Industry sources said the deal was worth between \$450 million and 490 million. Delivery will begin in spring 1990.

Egyptair, Airbus Industrie's largest customer in Africa and the Middle East, already operates seven A300B4-aidiners and leases two A300-600s. It announced an order for seven Airbus A320s in January.

## ICI and Wellcome boost profits

LONDON, May 2, (Reuters): British pharmaceutical group Wellcome PLC, whose retrovirus drug is the only licensed treatment for AIDS, reported a 35-per-cent jump in half-year profits on Thursday even though share analysts said retrovirus sales were disappointing.

At the same time Imperial Chemical Industries PLC, Britain's largest non-oil industrial group and the world's fourth biggest chemicals company, reported a 30-per-cent improvement in first-quarter

profits. Wellcome, reporting results for the half-year to February 28, said pre-tax profits rose to £128.2 million (\$217 million) from £94.8 million (\$160 million) a year earlier.

But the company's shares fell 17 pence (28.7 cents) to close at £4.78 (\$8.08) because retrovirus sales — which rose by nearly half to £59 million (\$100 million) — were at the lower end of market expectations.

"Retrovirus sales were disappointing. This is the reason for

the Wellcome price coming off," said analyst Peter Smith at stock-brokers UBS-Phillips and Drew.

He said Wellcome would continue to grow strongly over the next few years. Analysts see retrovirus, together with the anti-herpes drug zovirax, as providing the key to that growth.

Wellcome last month defended the effectiveness of retrovirus — also known as AZT — as an AIDS treatment after reports in the United States that the virus which causes the disease can develop resistance to the drug.

## 'US economy strong and robust'

# Sununu warns against higher rates

WASHINGTON, May 2, (AP): White House Chief of Staff John Sununu warned yesterday against higher interest rates, saying the economy remains "strong and robust."

"It is a consumer issue to be worried about interest rates," as well as tax increases and international trade, Sununu told a luncheon of Consumer Alert, a conservative group he once headed.

"This economy is strong, it is robust, and it will continue to thrive as long as we don't adopt policies to strangle it down," he said.

"Those policies, he added, "include interest rates. Those of you who are wise consumers understand that when you go to buy a car or a house or anything that requires you as a consumer to pay over a long

period of time, one of the most critical aspects of whether or not it's a good deal for you is the rate of interest you will have to pay on the purchase."

President George Bush has said that he does not want the Federal Reserve, an independent body, to concentrate so hard on fighting inflation that it tips the economy into a recession.

### Strong

The Fed — the equivalent of the Central Bank in other countries — exerts a strong influence over interest rates through its control of the money supply, largely exercised through purchases and sales of government securities, through rates it charges for use of its funds, and through other regulations.

## Amman chamber, FICCI sign pact

# India, Jordan economic ties to get further boost

NEW DELHI, May 2, (Agencies): Economic relations between India and Jordan will get a further boost with Indian business community scheduled to take part in the round table conference to be held between the two countries in Amman in the second week of June next.

### Base

It is in this context, that the Amman Chamber of Industry and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) signed a memorandum of understanding here last week to promote mutually beneficial bilateral trade, joint ventures, transfer of technology through round table conference and seminars to be held from time to time.

The industry circles feel that Jordan which has a small market can nevertheless provide a base

for Indian products to reach other Arab destinations.

According to an agreement between Jordan, Egypt, Iraq and Yemen, the four countries can import duty-free goods manufactured in either countries for each other's use.

The chairman of Amman Chamber of Industry and leader of Jordanian delegation, Khalid A. Abuhassan, is reported to have met the Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi last week and is reported to have handed over a message from Crown Prince of Jordan.

The leader is also reported to have urged Rajiv to urge the business community to participate in the round table conference in large numbers.

The Jordanian delegation also had a meeting with the Minister of State for Commerce, Priya

Ranjan Dasmunshi, as well as the commerce secretary, A.N. Verma. Dasmunshi is believed to have been invited to inaugurate the round table conference in Amman.

Abuhassan also met the chairman of the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC). MMTC is the sole importer of rock phosphate from Jordan.

It also has an office in Amman to co-ordinate its imports. Besides, it is understood that countertrade deals were discussed with the MMTC against imports of rock phosphate.

The agreement signed between FICCI and Amman Chamber of Industry here states that both parties will help their members as well as those interested in promoting economic relations to get in touch with their counterparts and provide such facilities

as may seem necessary for the purpose.

Both parties will facilitate exchange of visits of business delegations from each other's country and help participation in exhibitions in Jordan and India by their members as and when organised.

Both parties will provide facilities for training of chamber executives and other bodies in their respective organisations with mutual consent. The memorandum of understanding was signed on behalf of FICCI by FICCI president, Ramnaq Singh and by Abuhassan on behalf of Amman Chamber of Industry.

Moreover, according to a forecast of Arab economies until 1993 by a leading Middle East magazine, it is estimated that the structure and level of imports in the Arab world, characterised by

dependency on traditional trading countries will be maintained.

The international demand for Arab oil will continue to be sizeable, despite the introduction of relevant technological efficiencies in industrialised countries.

The survey of 21 Arab League states which includes Jordan points out that Arab GDP has undergone changes in the extent of each sector's contribution.

These are expected to remain constant now until 1993. Leaving out the oil sector, services will remain dominant, accounting for close to 60 per cent of the GDP.

This is partly because of maturity of the infrastructure, partly because of increased investment in such projects and partly because of much of the services are related to the region's sizable imports.

## Foreign debt totals \$30b

# Manila stocks gave biggest returns

WASHINGTON, May 2, (AP): An investor looking for a place to put \$1,000 in 1984 might not have thought of the Manila stock market. But if he had, his investment just four years later would have been worth a staggering \$14,880.

On US markets, the average return on \$1,000 after four years would have been a tame \$1,910 — calculated from the rise in the value of the stock, plus dividends paid.

Manila had the best showing anywhere in a survey published last week by the International Finance Corp. IFC's 176-page handbook entitled "Emerging Stock Markets factbook 1989" lists markets as small as Costa Rica's San Jose market, which last year listed only about \$1 million worth of trading in 76 stocks.

The IFC, owned by 133 governments, is the part of the World Bank, which lends to private industry. It puts together the book, which sells for \$100, in its effort to stimulate the flow of private capital in the Third World.

Charles O. Sethness, director of the corporation's capital markets department, told reporters the market in Manila jogged along through 1985 without much change, despite the violent political campaign that led to the victory of President Corason Aquino. In February 1986 former president Ferdinand Marcos was flown to Honolulu and the market took off.

### Drop

There was a sharp drop when the New York market crashed that fall, but by the end of last year total returns were back a long way toward the peak.

Returns on stock in the Third World seem to have little to do with a country's prosperity. According to the World Bank, the average Philippine had an annual income of only \$500 in 1987, a slight increase after a decline throughout the 1980s under Marcos. The country has an active communist insurgency and a \$30-billion foreign debt.

An investor in the market of relatively prosperous South Korea would have done well, but only a little more than half as well on average as in the Philippines. His \$1,000 could have turned into \$7,890 in the four years.

And in the southern African Republic of Zimbabwe headed by President Robert Mugabe, a professed Marxist, the return would have been only a little less — \$1,000 became \$7,320 in the average stock investment.

For the year 1988 Brazil turned in the best market performance though the country has the Third World's largest debt and inflation was running at more than 1,000 per cent by the end of the year. The hottest stock was Acsita, a steel company, which chalked up a return of \$8,312 for shares worth \$1,000 at the start of the year.

## EEC vows to win battle for 21st century TV

LUXEMBOURG, May 2 (Reuters): European Economic Community ministers launched a bid on Thursday to dominate world markets for high-definition television — which will bring cinema-quality images into living rooms.

"High-definition television (HDTV) has a strategic importance for the European consumer electronics industry and for its cinema and television industries," the 12 telecommunications ministers said in a resolution agreed here.

"Our aim is to encourage the widest possible use around the world of the European system," they said.

Japan, which has so far led research in this field, says its system will be ready next year.

The EEC, allied with other West European nations, is working on a rival system which they want adopted as a world standard.

West Germany's Bosch GMBH, Philips NV of the Netherlands, and French firm Thomson SA are leading a joint \$200 million research project with cash injections from 17 governments.

The EEC ministers vowed to co-ordinate even more closely their research and production efforts. They also agreed to launch a major campaign for the European system to be adopted when the International Consul-

tative Committee for Radio Communications chooses a world norm in 1990.

Europe says its system, which may be marketable from 1992, has the advantage of being compatible with existing television sets.

Industry analysts however point out that larger screens will be needed for consumers to enjoy the benefits of the new technology. They say the Japanese system's drawback for European industrialists is that it will be more expensive to convert European television design to the Japanese system.

"The industrial stakes are high because HDTV will also have far-reaching effects on a series of other high-tech industries such as semi-conductors, which are essential for the new technology."

It also has possible uses for defence and medical equipment.

The EEC's executive commission says the global HDTV market will be worth around \$100 billion a year in the next decade.

Meanwhile, the United States, which has virtually no domestic television manufacturers, is considering launching its own system.

"The battle is not won yet and nobody's trying to hide it," said one EEC official, who outlined the possibility of Europe and the United States teaming up against Japan.

## Devaluation dispute

# IMF team meets Khartoum minister

KHARTOUM, May 2, (Reuters): A team from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is pressing debt-ridden Sudan for a huge devaluation and other austerity measures in return for fresh credits, a Sudanese official told Reuters yesterday.

The official, who declined to be named, said the IMF at talks this week pressed for the pound, now officially valued at 4.50 to the dollar, to drop to 12.20.

The four-day annual talks ended on Thursday with no announcement of any agreements. Finance Minister

Omar Nour Al Dayem was quoted on Wednesday as saying there would be no devaluation.

The IMF is also seeking a cut in government borrowing from the country's Central Bank.

Sudan, with an estimated total foreign debt of \$13 billion, is \$1 billion in arrears to the fund and in 1986 was declared ineligible for fresh credits.

The fund wants market forces to set domestic prices and loss-making state firms to be privatised. Subsidies on flour and sugar alone cost the government 500 million pounds a year.

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By Kathy Cuddihy

## Trading insults

I'm not sure of the origin of the expression "a back-handed compliment," but I do know that all too often I'm at the receiving end of them. Usually I'm just minding my own business when someone comes up and drops a verbal bombshell. What makes the blow so mighty is that the remark is generally uttered in innocence, with no malice intended. Even though I might not agree with the judgement, somebody obviously sees me in that light — and where there's smoke there's fire.

I mean, how would you like to receive the accolade, "You actually look quite good today." Great. And what does that say for the way I looked yesterday, or any other day for that matter?

Or what about that tried and true comment, "Have you lost weight recently?" It sounds innocent enough, but it loses a lot of merit when uttered in the advent of a gain of five pounds.

My sister, from whom I'd expect a little more loyalty...or at least tact...went straight for the jugular when she remarked on some family photos. Pointing to my husband, she sighed, "It's really most remarkable. That man doesn't seem to have aged a day since I met him 15 years ago."

Peering a little more closely at my own image, she was less

charitable. "You're looking a little...worn out...frazzled. Not getting enough sleep? Perhaps you were going through a severe period of stress?" No, but I certainly did after a comment like that.

Most women will agree to a special sensitivity when it comes to receiving comments about their hair. Of course, that doesn't necessarily preclude them from brutally articulating their own observations.

When my hair gets long, it's really uncontrollable — just like yours. Or, "You've done something different to your hair. I can't quite figure out what, but it looks different, much better." This sort of declaration is welcome only when I actually have done something different. Too often, though, it's only been washed — and combed.

I was recently at a crowded, formal function when a titled beauty approached and loudly exclaimed, "For goodness' sake, Kathy, what on earth have you done to your hair? Do you go to a butcher to get it cut?" She shook her rich, glossy mane in disbelief at my closely cropped coif, and I felt the glare of dozens of critical eyes burning into my nearly visible scalp.

But perhaps that's not as bad as the opinion offered to one of my avant-garde friends who mentioned that she might go as a punk to a fancy-dress party.

The problem is, will anyone know you're in costume? came the reply from her companion. What one person sees as an insult, another might welcome as flattery. This same "punk" friend is frequently plagued by people of all sizes and shapes who come up to her and say, "My god, you're so skinny."

Honestly, she complains, "do I walk up to strangers and say 'My god, you're so fat'?" Point taken, but there are times when I wish I had her "problem."

Another friend had pause for thought when she went shopping with one of her rather glamorous contemporaries. They met a third person who chatted briefly, and then asked, "Is this your mother?" smiling sweetly in the direction of my surprised friend. Clunk.

Although not quite as devastating as the previous example, I recently had an experience along similar lines. Inviting a friend to a party, I confessed that the event was my birthday celebration.

"Oh," she cooed, "is this the

Big One?"

Well, yes it is," I replied without further explanation. "Imagine," she continued, "Fifty. How exciting."

My stunned silence, and then a frozen "I can't believe you said that" made her realise that she had overshoot her congratulations by a decade (if not more — I'm not telling).

Not all the comments I receive concern my looks — or lack of them. Once in a while my taste — or lack of it — gets targeted. My daughter's drama coach approached me in a state of urgency just before opening night of the school play.

"Can you help us, Kathy?" Tara has the part of a 70/80-year-old woman and she needs a costume. I'm sure that between the two of you you can find something suitable in your wardrobes. You know what I mean, something fashionable that a granny would wear." Now I know what she thinks of my sense of style.

There's an expression about "trading insults." It means that one person gives an insult and is repaid in kind. Since I have already accumulated more than enough so-called back-handed compliments, instead of trading insults for yet more, I would like to cash them in for a few old-fashioned, straight-forward compliments. After all, another expression says, "A change is as good as a rest."

### Weekly quiz

## Are you a junk hoarder?

**Junkies should try this revealing quiz to find out just how bad their condition is... then, if they feel up to it, try Don Aslett's remedy**

### How to score

More than 17: I've admitted to 1; More than 14: I've admitted to 2; 11-13: I've admitted to 3; 8-10: I've admitted to 4; 5-7: I've admitted to 5.

1. If my cupboards and drawers were searched right now, how much junk would be found?
2. I own clothes, and shoes that don't fit or are ugly or hopelessly out of style.
3. I have old uniforms or maternity/baby clothes I don't need any more.
4. I have old socks or tights with one laddered leg.
5. I have costume jewellery and badges that I never wear (for good reason.)
6. I have old wedding announcements, greeting and Christmas cards squirreled away from acquaintances I scarcely recall.
7. I have old medicine bottles and antique prescriptions.
8. I have empty, non-returnable or other useless bottles inhabiting my house.
9. I keep plain old ordinary empty boxes.
10. I have old wedding announcements, greeting and Christmas cards squirreled away from acquaintances I scarcely recall.
11. I have leftover scraps of crumpled Christmas wrapping paper that I never use.
12. I keep unread circulars and expired driver's licences, expired policies and passports.
13. I cut coupons and special offers for products that I never buy.
14. I've kept books I couldn't force myself to finish and magazines that are more than a year old.
15. How many unused recipe cards/cookery books/do-it-yourself manuals do I have?
16. I store old paint (half tins or less), stiff brushes and
17. I have old curtains or blinds stashed away that I've dragged around from past houses.
18. I have machinery, gadgets and appliances that don't work or have parts missing.
19. I have wristwatches or clocks that aren't working.
20. I have furniture and other items I am going to mend, sell or strip today.
21. I keep old patterns and scraps of wool and material that will probably never be used.
22. I have paraphernalia from hobbies, projects and classes I started and 'may do again'.
23. I have every drawing my children ever did and all their school reports since the year dot.
24. I have keepsakes but I can't remember what sake they were kept for.
25. I have photos I seldom look at because they're stashed away and hard to find.
26. I have souvenirs or knickknacks that I dust, clean, store and abhor.
27. I keep toys (adults or

childrens) that are broken, outgrown or not used.

28. I have games and puzzles with bits missing.

29. The boot, floor and glove compartment of my car are filled with old torn maps, inoperative torches and sweet papers.

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### Your junkie test score

30-60 The end is near... You're in trouble. Gird your loins and start de-junking ruthlessly. You might possibly survive your junk.

61-95 You're on the brink. If you start to de-junk today, you can make it.

96-130 There is hope... If you can clean up/come to terms with those few problem areas, clutter won't have a chance to spread.

131-150 You are pure... Pass on your advice to a junkie friend or relative.

## 'Junkie remedy'

Cut through the clutter without pangs of guilt. Those once-loved and now useless possessions deserve a home — but not yours! Once they've gone, cleaner shelves, rooms and cupboards will make tidying a breeze

**Mood** It's quite effective to go through your clutter when you're angry — we need to take aggression out on something. We get through housework quickly and effectively when we're hopping mad about something and it's when we're angry that we're the least sentimental.

However, if you're so cross that you're full of disdain for someone (or something), you'll often not make good decisions and will be sorry later (and maybe have to charge off to the dump to try to get something back). If you're experiencing a peak of energy and motivation, make the most of it. Roll up your sleeves and start on the piles of useless possessions.

**Today:** Now is probably the best time to start. Don't wait until all your storage space is taken up or until someone is threatening to leave you before you start de-junking. Don't get pushed into doing it when you haven't time to do it properly.

**What to wear** When de-junking, never wear clothes with big pockets which may tempt you to pop things into them. And if you're going through the stuff for the second time, wear dark glasses! Sturdy, low-heeled shoes are a good idea, and make sure you wear something comfortable that you won't be afraid of getting messy.

**Discount what you can't count** Making a list of all you own

and where it is, is a sensible thing to do — start in one room and go through everything. Soon you'll find things not worth the ink or effort to write down and you'll throw them away.

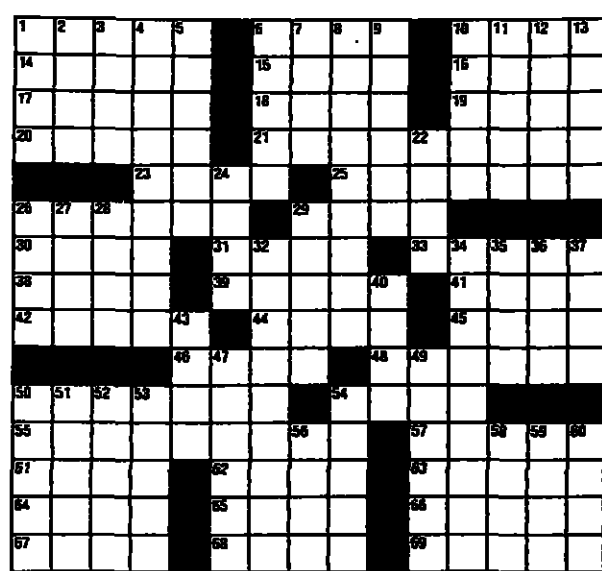
**Pace yourself** Rome wasn't de-junked in a day. Two drawers a day is an honourable accomplishment; two drawers and a cupboard is pushing the limit; six drawers and a workshop/attic/garage could be suicidal. If you try to do too much at once you'll lose your edge and not be nearly fierce enough to get the job done properly.

Don't get sidetracked. When you start to clear out an area get the job done. Otherwise when you go to throw out that old baking tray you'll notice on the way to the dustbin that the back garden needs de-junking. So you stop to do the garden but notice the tool shed is in a mess. You stop to tidy the toolshed and find that the plants on the patio need re-potting and it suddenly occurs to you that the baking tray you were taking to the dustbin is just the thing to put under the plant pots. So nothing gets thrown out.

Then, too, there are the attentions directed to changing the home environment reducing the allergens from house dust, pets or tobacco smoke that can have beneficial effects for your son. It is important that you understand the causes and treatment of the problem and have the child treated now. It is possible for children to outgrow asthma, but controlling the situation now will allow him to grow and mature in a normal way and avoid the lasting problems that childhood asthma may sometimes provoke.

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### TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Starting
  - 6 Word with lift or off
  - 10 October's birthstone
  - 14 Senator, for one
  - 15 Make eyes at
  - 16 Rajah's wife
  - 17 Singer Page
  - 18 Limerick man
  - 19 Smirk
  - 20 Camera openings
  - 21 After-dinner serving
  - 23 Comedians
  - 25 Sometime froth wear
  - 26 Peppy
  - 29 Minor league team
  - 30 Ended
  - 31 Escapade
  - 33 Fragment
  - 38 Den alert
  - 39 Martian, for one
  - 41 Sharpen
  - 42 Playful act
  - 44 — majesty
  - 45 River isles
  - 46 Baseball stats
  - 48 Ornamental band of a sort
  - 50 Leading, as a role
  - 54 Over
  - 55 Patisserie purchase
- DOWN**
- 1 Vipers
  - 2 Capricorn
  - 3 Choir member
  - 4 Melange
  - 5 Isolate
  - 6 Gets out, in poker
  - 7 Film critic and author James
  - 8 Seashore cookouts
  - 9 More scary
  - 10 Barrel — (hurdy gurdy)
  - 11 Persian dialect
  - 12 Fennel's relative
  - 13 Player's script
  - 22 Sandy's caps
  - 24 Actress Raines
  - 26 Wading bird
  - 27 River to the Severn
- ACROSS**
- 57 "Downstairs" personages
  - 61 Narrative poems
  - 62 Roll, as a flag
  - 63 Acquiesce
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  - 65 "Bus Stop" playwright
  - 66 Vacuous
  - 67 Inferior
  - 68 Lemon and lime additives
  - 69 Parts of quarters
- DOWN**
- 28 Roast
  - 29 Fast food order
  - 32 Versatile
  - 34 "Bubbly"
  - 35 Displease
  - 36 Poker stake
  - 37 Nuisance
  - 40 Wonderful
  - 43 Early
  - 47 Basket fiber
  - 49 Modern Greek vernacular
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  - 59 Make an impression
  - 60 Calls, in cards

### GOREN BRIDGE

By Charles Goren and Omar Sharif

#### SEIZE THAT EXTRA CHANCE

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ A K 8 4 3  
 ♥ A 10 9  
 ♦ 7 5 2  
 ♣ 6 4

**WEST**  
 ♠ J 9 6 2  
 ♥ 5  
 ♦ J 10 9 3  
 ♣ K 8 5 2

**EAST**  
 ♠ Q 10 7 5  
 ♥ 7 4  
 ♦ Q 8 6 4  
 ♣ 9 7 3

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ Void  
 ♥ K Q J 8 6 3 2  
 ♦ A K  
 ♣ A Q J 10

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
 3 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass  
 7 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♠  
 Even mundane hands sometimes present an opportunity for an extra chance to bring home your contract. Can you spot the winning line on this deal?

North's jump over game showed a good hand with slam interest but no control to cue-bid outside the suits he had already bid. South ventured on to the grand slam knowing that, at worst, his contract would hinge on a club finesse. Opposite the right hand it could be a laydown.

While South might have been guilty of overbidding, he was certainly culpable of underplaying. He won the diamond lead in hand, drew

two rounds of trumps ending in dummy and discarded two clubs on the high spades. Next came the club finesse — down one.

South could have improved his chances considerably. The odds on the missing spades splitting 4-4 are about 33 percent, and the table has just enough entries to test the suit before declarer commits his fate to the club finesse.

At trick two declarer should cross to the nine of trumps and ruff a spade. The ten of hearts provides a second entry for another spade ruff. Now declarer can get back to the board with the ace of hearts to cash the ace and king of spades for two club discards.

When spades split 4-4, declarer can discard his queen of clubs on the long spade. And should spades turn out to have been 5-3, declarer has lost nothing. He is in dummy, and can fall back on the club finesse for his contract.



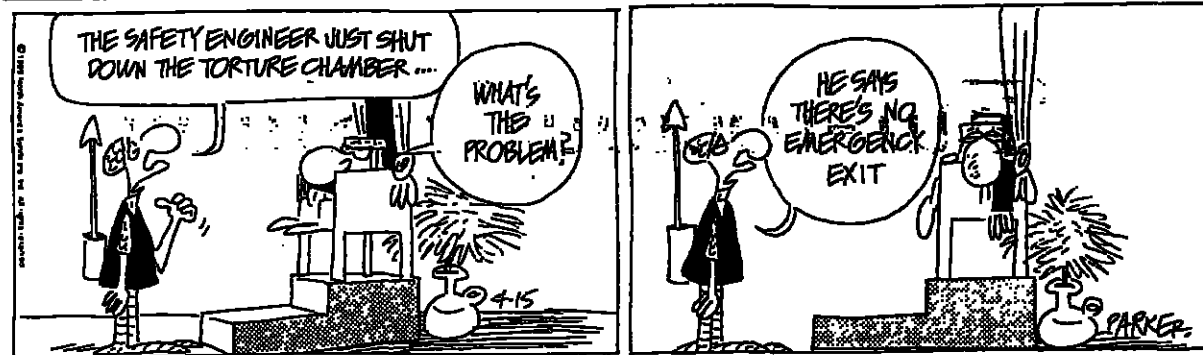
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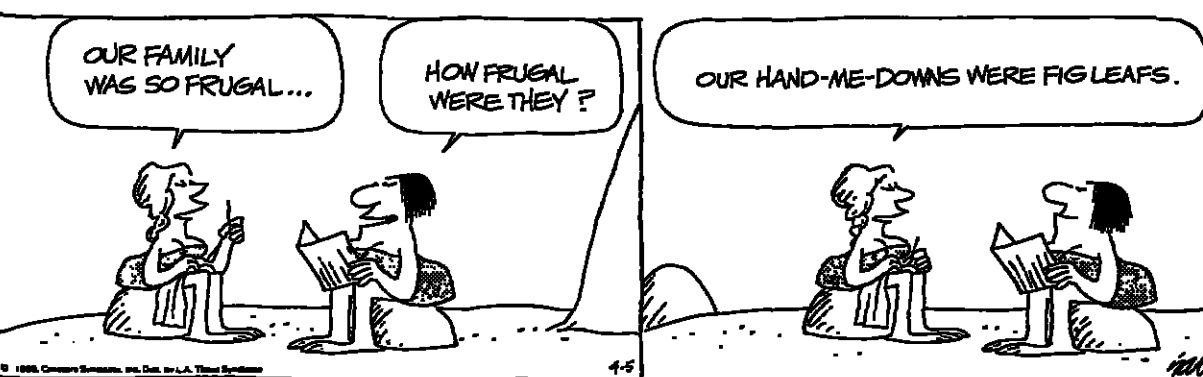
### THE WIZARD OF ID

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By Johnny Hart



### YOUR STARS

<b>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</b> The Moon's influence will help you to get things done. You will be able to make some significant changes. You should not take a lot for granted just now. Be frugal.	<b>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</b> Not everything is to your liking, but you will be able to make the most of it. The influence of Mars will help you to get a move on. You should have a little more faith in yourself. Be consistent.	<b>Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)</b> You should not let yourself be laid low by some minor ache or pain. Jupiter's better influence will help you to cope with the day's problems. Avoid eating more than you need to maintain your weight. Be magnanimous.	<b>Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)</b> Do not think that what pertains to drinking and driving does not apply to you: it does. Do not seek to leave till later what you well know should be done now. Think of others as well as of yourself. Be just a little more generous.
<b>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</b> You should do as much as possible yourself instead of relying on others. Venus' influence will help you to be more successful. You will spend more than you expected and will have to cut back elsewhere. Be cordial.	<b>Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)</b> Avoid having too many late nights in succession. Your lucky numbers are 22 and 33. The influence of Mercury will help you to get your way. Do not make a pest of yourself on the telephone. Be accurate.	<b>Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)</b> You should not let others aggravate you, nor should you do what is obviously annoying to others. A lot depends on you and your manner of doing things. Avoid spending money as though you were made of it. Be reliable.	<b>Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)</b> If you shout, you may well lose your voice. Try to avoid all kinds of extreme situations. However do be prepared to look in a new direction for the solution to an unusual problem. Be fair.
<b>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</b> You will have the wind in your sails, but you should not let go of the rudder. Concentrate hard and long on what you are doing. Do not settle for second-best. Be moderate.	<b>Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)</b> You will get on far better with your friends and neighbours. You will have plenty to be pleased but nothing to be smug about. Avoid being a nuisance over the telephone. Be tolerant.	<b>Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)</b> You will have to deal with someone rather aggressive but will know how to cope. If you can keep calm so much the better. Do not confuse what is not with what is important. Be less overbearing.	<b>Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)</b> You will have a lot to do but you will also be able to get a lot done. One of today's problems will not be so easy to deal with, but you will find a way. Avoid doing anything that would not be to your partner's liking. Be resolute.



WOMEN

Top businesswoman gives recipes for success

# Women — their own worst enemies?

She's beautiful, successful, and has beaten businessmen at their own, tough game. But Debbie isn't ashamed to confess that she puts her home, lover and daughter first

By Kate Samders

TAWNY-haired Debbie Moore, the lithe tycoon whose business is beauty, crossed her slim, elegant legs and told me: "The feminist movement puts the cause of women several steps back."

Then the ex-model who beat men at their own big business game, went on: "I think women whine on a bit. They say they haven't got the self-confidence to be successful in business. Often they are their own worst enemies."

"But more and more women are getting on with setting up their own business rather than making a lot of noise about it."

Debbie, who has built a multi-million pound fashion and dance empire from her Pineapple studios, went on: "There's no point in demanding trivial things, like allowing women into male clubs and dining rooms."

"Women have to be successful in a man's world. It can't be the other way round. That's just the way it is."

Then Debbie, the first woman to tread the hallowed floor of London's Stock Exchange, raised her eyes heavenwards as she remembered being interviewed by a "feminist journalist". Debbie recalled: "She asked how I could justify working myself and employing a nanny and woman cleaner."

"She meant, how could I treat other women as servants, making them do my dirty work? My answer to that was, 'Don't you have someone in your office who books your train tickets for you or gets you a cup of coffee?'"

"You employ people at work to help you operate as efficiently as possible, so why not at home? My cleaner really loves her work."

Then Debbie, who has recently written a book called *When a Woman Means Business*, went on: "Even in this modern world, the onus of caring for children still falls on women."

"I always ask mothers I interview for jobs about their child-care arrangements. No, I don't ask fathers. You have to be realistic. I know I'd been employed by someone while I was nursing my daughter Lara for months when she was ill, I wouldn't have had a chance of keeping my job."

Unashamed  
And Debbie herself is unashamed to admit that she is a homebody first and a businesswoman second. Her heart is in the home she shares with live-in lover Pineapple chairman Peter Bain, and 15-year-old Lara.

She said softly: "My family is my life. Business is no big deal. It's just something you do to make a living. It's not life and death — but your family is."

Sitting in her neat, modern office in Lon-



Debbie Moore meets the 'Iron Lady' Margaret Thatcher and (below) receives the 'Businesswoman of the Year' award.

don's Paddington Street, with its plain, black furniture and a vase of pale roses, Debbie told me about her nightmare, when Lara was taken terribly ill.

And it was only the steel in her daughter's soul — inherited from Debbie — that pulled her through. She recalled: "One day, Lara complained that she was losing the use of one hand. She was rushed to hospital for an emergency operation. That left her paralysed from the neck down, and doctors told me she would never walk again."

Debbie's immediate instinct was to be with

Lara, even if it meant losing Pineapple — the thriving dance studio she set up with a prayer and a £30,000 loan.

She said: "In many ways, it was very lucky that I had my own business. It was clear that it was going to take months and months to get Lara better."

## Dramatic

"If I had been working for someone else, I would have had to resign. As it was, I had people working for me to keep the business ticking over."

"Of course, I did think about giving it all up. But I thought it would be less dramatic for Lara if she saw life going on as normal around her. If I seemed suddenly to abandon everything, she might well have got the message that she really was seriously ill. And I am a great believer in the power of positive thought."

"So, during those first few months while I was at home nursing Lara, my assistant would telephone me with messages. I would call people back and they wouldn't know I wasn't in the office."

"Gradually, Lara recovered. Debbie told me: "It was a miracle. She wouldn't be walking and talking now if she hadn't had such strength and determination. By the time she went back to school, I was absolutely drained in one way and yet I'd wake up every morning full of inner elation, knowing how lucky I'd been."

"When you've been through something like that with your child, everything else seems so unimportant."

Debbie sipped her cappuccino, and nibbled a piece of soggy toast as she reflected: "Lara has always been very independent and rebellious. And she is highly ambitious, too. She wants to be an actress or film star."

Lara, who wears the same figure-hugging clothes as her mother, seems to have the spark that will take her anywhere she wants to go. It is the same spark that set Debbie, a top model at 16, off on her dramatic career.

She seemed at first to be ill-equipped as a tycoon-to-be. Debbie left school at 15 with no O'levels, the exams children take as teenagers. But she insisted: "I was brought up in Manchester, where my dad was a plumber and my mum was a clerical assistant. They both had a very down-to-earth approach to life, and they weren't pushy or opinion-forming."

## Atmosphere

"I lived in this atmosphere of quiet encouragement. And I think I owe my success to that solid northern background."

"There is a lot of mystique around business. But it's really not that difficult. If you're prepared to work hard and stick at it, it's easy. And you don't even need qualifications."

Debbie's big chance came when the dance studios in London's Covent Garden, at which she was a student, closed down in 1978. It was the only studio of its kind in the capital, and Debbie saw her chance to fill a gap in the market.

So she set up her own dance and exercise centre in an old ramshackle warehouse.

Then began a rollercoaster ride in the world of big business. Despite her lack of experience, Debbie had soon built up a thriving business in the former disused pineapple warehouse. In 1982, there were wolf whistles on the floor of the sober Stock Exchange when she became the first woman to step out on to the all-male floor. Pineapple went public, and set the City alight.



Businesswoman Debbie Moore in London's stock exchange.

Two years later, Debbie had the title Businesswoman of the Year under her 22" belt. But there were problems. Debbie now admits that Pineapple was probably too small to cope with the City's demands.

A year ago, with the company again in profit, Debbie bought back the international dance and fashion business she had begun.

Now she designs a whole range of fashion, including her famous stretchy Lycra dresses, for Pineapple. She is planning a toiletries

section of the business, and wants to open beach clubs throughout the country.

She adores taking part in dance classes at her studios, which are popular with a galaxy of stars. And today Debbie is still showing a clean and trim pair of heels to many male tycoons. That's the beauty of her business.

When *a Woman Means Business* by Debbie Moore is published by Pavilion, priced at £12.95

## 'Fur-ocious' fashion



A model wears a spotty blouse over a denim skirt.

STIRRINGS in the fashion jungle suggest that wild cats are on the prowl again. Tracks laid by top designers at the recent international shows are leading us to a season in which the pattern of leopard and panther spots or tiger stripes will turn into a stampede of animal prints and savage fur — all, mercifully, fake.

Fabric surfaces have gone wild — silk chiffon, satin, cotton or velvet used for jackets, macs and waistcoats or slinky little dresses and tops. But it is Lycra and the other stretchy stuff, in which leggings, tights, bodices and swim suits are shaped, that have the animal magnetism to be stroked with fashionable wild-cat spots and markings which will turn this summer's style into the lush jungle of a Rousseau fantasy.

"Fur-ocious" is the word coined by the fashion business for the civilized chick of the honeyed, tawny shades of its latest craze. The well-tamed cats in fashion boast an impeccable pedigree. Not since Josephine Baker paraded the Champs-Elysees in the Twenties with her diamond-collared leopard on a leash, have the chic of Paris so enthusiastically roared their approval of the sophisticated imagery of the wild.

Animal-printed satin and silk, in bright colours that are improbable enough to please Animal Rights activists (who do not approve of fur imitations that are too realistic), as well as in smart shades of beige and black, have long been a favourite theme with Yves Saint Laurent for sinuous wrapover dresses, both short and long. But he regularly shows how a bow-tied blouse or a fluttering scarf in leopard-printed silk look smarter than any flowery print, to lighten the strict tailoring of his suits.

Ferre in Milan celebrated the wild in his winter collection, in which he mated leopard-spotted chiffon or crocodile-stamped leather with tweeds speckled to look like fur and snakeskin. Patrick Kelly, the Mississippi-born designer who now belongs to Paris, always relies on graphic detailing such as an all-over smattering of colourful buttons or bows to embellish his body-hugging dresses and shapely suits. Cotton chintz for summer suits and coats and wool jersey for winter separates are the second skin which Kelly stamps with the barely-tame markings of leopard and panther.

Gaultier uses leopard-printed cotton drill like denim for tightly-seamed and sculpted tops and tapered trousers, which can be worn singly and need not be put together for total jungle camouflage. Rifat Ozbek mixes animal prints in jokey, jet-fringed bra tops and wide hip belts with this summer's pyjama-striped suits. Ninivah Khomo has fake fur pumps in her Knightsbridge boutique, as well as animal-printed jersey leggings and tops. Pineapple's leggings are less expensive, and there is also a scoop-back dress, tube skirt, and different tops in its leopard print range.

Since most will choose to follow fashion's new tracks without adopting animal markings from head to toe in Cat-woman style, accessory designers have all come up with the essential exotic details that can stamp a simple cotton suit or jeans outfit with the latest look. Wooden cuffs and narrow bangles are all elegantly painted with smudgy tiger stripes and leopard spots. Selfridges, House of Fraser, Fenwick and Harvey Nichols have all coralled reserves on jewellery counters for suitably jungle pieces that include earclips, necklaces and pins. On most hoarse counters you will find leopard-print tights that look fun worn with a short suede skirt or beige or black suit.

There are also printed scarves, in fine cotton as well as chiffon (large and small), to swathe the head or twist inside the neckline of a T-shirt. They obviously could not resist crowning a bowler hat with fake fur as well.

## Recipe for Eid

GULAB jamun is one of the most popular sweets. Small balls made of milk powder are fried in ghee or clarified butter to a golden brown and then steeped in warm syrup perfumed with cardamoms and rose water to give a most delicious taste.

Preparation time: 15 minutes  
Cooking Time: 35 to 40 minutes  
Makes: 16-20.

Syrup  
450g/1 lb granulated sugar  
900 ml/1 1/2 pints water  
8-10 green cardamoms  
10-15 ml/2-3 tsp of rose water  
100 g/4 oz milk powder

40 g/1-1/2 oz self-raising flour  
10 ml/2 tsp semolina  
10 ml/2 tsp ghee  
about 60 ml/4 tbs cold milk  
ghee for deep frying

Method:  
Make the syrup. Place the sugar, water, green cardamoms and rose water in a large saucepan. For this quantity a 3-4.5 litre (6-8 pint) pan would be ideal. Place the pan over gentle heat and let the sugar dissolve slowly. Increase the heat and boil for 5-8 minutes to make a syrup.

Mix together the milk powder, self-raising flour and the semolina. Melt the ghee and add it to the powder mixture. Work the ghee into the mixture with your finger tips so that it is well blended. Add a little milk at a time and bind the mixture into a smooth dough; the texture should be that of shortcrust pastry.

Knead the pastry to eliminate any surface cracks. Break off small pieces of the dough and roll them into smooth balls. It is very important to make sure that no cracks are visible on the surface as these cracks may split open while frying; keep covered with kitchen paper to prevent drying during preparation.

Heat the oil or melt the ghee in a deep fat fryer. The temperature of the oil or ghee must not be very high as this will ruin the gulab jamuns. Carefully immerse milk balls into the warm fat. Keep moving them about with the perforated spoon or slice so that they fry evenly on all sides.

The reason for frying them slowly is that they cook right through to the centre. If the ghee is too hot then the outside will brown too quickly and the centre will remain uncooked. Carefully strain the gulab jamuns with the slotted spoon or slice and at once immerse them in the warm syrup. Serve hot or cold.

Eat warm or leave for 3 or 4 hours and serve cold.



Olga, the woman who inspired Boris Pasternak, is now 77 years old.

## Dr Zhivago's real Lara

By Xan Smiley

IT WAS a delight to dine with Lara the other night. Yes, of course, the Lara — Dr Zhivago's, Omar Sharif's. The inspiration for one of the great romances of Russian, indeed of world, literature. I confess to childish pleasure at having met her. Better, somehow, than Julie Christie any day.

Olga Ivinskaya, who shared the last 13 years of Boris Pasternak's life, is 77 this year. She is still beautiful in her way. Her grey hair, clasped in a small bun, still holds a kind of luxuriance. Her mouth has a quizzical girlish pout. Her clear blue eyes, behind light-framed glasses with one of those little chains hanging either side, are full of gentle laughter.

There is a certain sensuality to her movements, as she glides around her cluttered one-roomed Moscow flat, steeped in mementoes of poetry and the past. She touches you to emphasise a point. Most notable of all, she has a deep soothing voice and an earthy matter-of-factness, an obvious refusal to be cast down by the copious misfortunes heaped upon her, that made Pasternak turn her into his own version of idealised Russian womanhood.

Old photographs display her coquettish girlish charms at 24. Faded snapshots, taken after the war, give her a thickness, almost a toughness, around her neck and cheeks, turning her into the chataleine that gave Pasternak his peace. The poet was 22 years older.

She is happily conscious of her past beauty. As well as Pasternak's extraordinary long-jawed melancholic face glancing down from the wall, another passionate admirer, the balladeer Alexander Galich, persecuted too, like nearly all great Russian writers this century, also stares lugubriously out.

She is without bitterness, just as Pasternak would have wished, even though her liaison with him earned her three-and-a-half years' hard labour after his death in 1960, on top of her eight years in the camps before Stalin's death in 1953.

She is content, too, with her role as literary inspiration. Without affectation, she shows you a picture of herself looking down lovingly into Pasternak's open coffin. Russians are rarely embarrassed about the risk of being thought

ghoulish. Indeed, so many of them are honoured better dead than alive.

But Ivinskaya is modest, unpretentious. "No, I am not exactly Lara. She is partly me. But there are other influences." She has seen the film four times — first in the American embassy in Moscow. She could, no doubt, be crabby about it. "Well of course, it was all much worse. Those lovely furs they dressed that pretty girl in, those splendid meals together. We had none of that. We were gloomier, really. We had nothing. And the chaos — it was indescribable."

"You remember the demonstrations in the film. Well, they seemed sort of well organised. It wasn't like that. Everything was chaos. I was only five at the time of the Revolution. All I remember were the fights over the storehouses."

Was she ever a communist? "No, of course not," she laughs merrily. "I was far too rebellious for that. But I married two of them (before Pasternak). One hanged himself and the other ... I did not discover."

"Yes, the actor who played Strelnikov (the ascetic, utterly single-minded yet pure-intentioned communist, played by Tom Courtenay) — he was brilliant. But in life such people were more ordinary."

"Ah, but the music in the film. I loved the music." It would, I suppose, be extra nice to hum Lara's Theme if one were Lara.

Nowadays she lives in princely poverty, with her adored Pekinese, Aron Grigoryevich, and her memories. Much of the day, she drifts around in her blue-towel dressing-gown, in which she made my wife and I, her son and our mutual Russian friends a delicious dinner of beetroot salad and pasta, with plenty of wine and vodka.

With no awkwardness, conversation turned — as it surprisingly often does, in Russia — to God. The great tragic poet Osip Mandelstam, who died in the camps, was driven by a desire, it was said, to reveal where God is absent. By contrast Pasternak, they said, despite his equally grim surroundings, had a knack of finding God everywhere, in ordinary people, in mere things. It was this gift of life (zhiv, indeed, means alive) that gives Zhivago, the book and the man, its majesty.

Olga Ivinskaya, nearly 77, oozes life. I was indeed privileged to meet her.

## ANDY CAPP

By Smith





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Arab Times, Wednesday, May 3, 1989



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## O'Neill and Reed help Reds sail past Expos

NEW YORK, May 2, (AP): Paul O'Neill drove in five runs and Jeff Reed had five hits last night as the Cincinnati Reds routed Montreal 19-6, the most runs ever scored against the Expos.

Cincinnati was without manager Pete Rose, who remained in his hotel with the flu. Coach Tommy Helms managed the team in Rose's absence.

The Reds had 21 hits, the most since they had 20 in 12-10 victory against the New York Mets on May 6, 1980. It was the most runs for the Reds since Sept 15, 1987, when Cincinnati beat Atlanta 21-6.

Second baseman Tom Foley was Montreal's fourth pitcher. He relieved Joe Hesketh, who gave up nine runs and six hits in 1-3 innings, and allowed a two-run homer to Reed in the eighth. Foley then got Ron Oester to ground out to end the inning.

Chris Sabo had four hits and drove in four runs for the Reds. Barry Larkin and O'Neill had three hits each.

**Cubs 4, Giants 3**  
Damon Berryhill, just off the disabled list, led off the 12th inning with a home run to give the Chicago Cubs a 4-3 victory over the San Francisco Giants. Mike Lacoss, 1-2, gave up the homer on a 2-1 pitch. Jeff Pico, 1-0, pitched three hitless innings for the victory.

**Mets 3, Braves 1**  
Dwight Gooden allowed six hits in seven-plus innings to improve to 5-0 as New York beat Atlanta 3-1, sending the Braves to their seventh straight loss.

**Cardinals 6, Padres 0**  
Jose DeLeon pitched a six-hitter for his second shutout in his last three starts as St. Louis defeated San Diego 6-0 for its sixth straight victory.

**Dodgers 1, Pirates 0**  
Pinch-hitter Mickey Hatcher scored Mike Davis with a bases-loaded sacrifice fly in the ninth inning as Los Angeles ended a four-game losing streak with a 1-0 victory over Pittsburgh.

**Red Sox 13, Twins 6**  
Wade Boggs opened the game by striking out, then came back in the same inning with a two-run double as the Boston Red Sox beat Minnesota 13-6, the Twins' seventh loss in eight games.

**After Boggs struck out to open the game, seven straight Red Sox reached base against Allan Anderson, including Jim Rice, who hit a two-run double, and Dwight Evans, who hit a two-run triple. When Boston got back to the top of the order, Boggs doubled against Juan Berenguer.**

**White Sox 6, Brewers 0**  
Jerry Reuss pitched a four-hitter for his 39th shutout and Ron Kittle hit a three-run homer as Milwaukee lost its fourth straight in Teddy Higuera's first start of the season.

**Indians 11, Rangers 1**  
Former Ranger Jerry Browne drove in four runs and Rich Yeti and Keith Ault combined on a six-hitter as Texas lost for only the sixth time in 23 games.

**Results**  
American League  
New York at Kansas City ppd rain  
Boston 13 Minnesota 6  
Milwaukee 6 Chicago 0  
Cleveland 11 Tampa 1  
Seattle 5 Detroit 3

National League  
Cincinnati 19 Montreal Expos 6  
Houston at Philadelphia ppd rain  
New York 3 Atlanta 0  
Los Angeles 1 Pittsburgh 0  
St. Louis 6 San Diego 0  
Chicago 4 San Francisco 3

THE Messiah Beach Windsurfing Club Spring Series was finally completed on Friday. The series was plagued by light winds and total calm causing the planned fifteen races to be reduced to nine, of which the best six counted towards the final placings.

In the Handicap Series (which works in a similar method to a golfers handicap) Wouly DeBie on a Mistral Competition with a Gaastra 7.5m<sup>2</sup> sail took advantage of Stevie Hutchinsons unexpectedly poor form on the last day to take the first place honours.

Abdul Rahman Bahman (Fanatic Lite Cat/Fanatic 6.8m<sup>2</sup>) who is part of the Qabazard Marine Fanatic team finished second after chanting to the Cat midway through the series. Stevie Hutchinson (Hilly 345/Fanatic 6.2m<sup>2</sup>) the long time series leader faltered at the last but still finished third on the strength of his earlier results.

The non handicap series saw Steve Kelly (Mistral Competition SST/Neil Pryde 7.7m<sup>2</sup>) take first place with maximum points from his best six results. Second and third places were taken by Abdul and Stevie in a repeat of the handicap results.

This series has seen the introduction of two new brand

## Napoli fans go into mourning for Stuttgart before UEFA Cup final

NAPLES, Italy, May 2, (Reuters): Posters mourning the death of VfB Stuttgart appeared in the streets of Naples yesterday as Diego Maradona's Napoli prepared to face the West Germans in the first leg of the UEFA Cup final.

The black-rimmed posters, stuck up by fans confident of Stuttgart's demise, summed up the mood of the soccer-mad city for tomorrow's game which will see

Napoli in a European club soccer final for the first time in their 63-year history.

Flags in the colours of the team's blue and white strip hung from windows and balconies in the narrow alleys of the southern port and the city's two main theatres cancelled performances for tomorrow night in deference to the match.

Nearly one million Neapolitans took

to the streets in May 1987 when Napoli won the League for the first time and victory in tomorrow's first leg would almost certainly spark similar celebrations. The second leg is in Stuttgart on May 17.

Napoli manager Ottavio Bianchi has no fitness worries for tomorrow but is still having trouble with Maradona, who has been at loggerheads with his coach all

season.

The Argentine World Cup star skipped a pep-talk by Bianchi on Sunday after Saturday's 1-0 League win against Verona, his 100th victory for Napoli against other Italian teams.

Maradona was due to play in a benefit match for a children's charity at Naples' San Paolo stadium later in the evening though the club has complained about

the timing.

"The city council has probably failed to understand that this is the most important moment of all time for Neapolitan soccer," club spokesman Carlo Italiano said.

"Or perhaps it didn't believe Napoli would reach the final when it gave the go-ahead," he added.

## Arsenal crush Norwich to extend lead

Bull scores 100 goals in two seasons

LONDON, May 2, (Reuters): Arsenal stretched their lead at the top of English Soccer's First Division to six points when they hammered Norwich 5-0 yesterday.

Alan Smith scored twice and Nigel Winterburn, Michael Thomas and David Rocastle netted the others as Arsenal killed off any lingering title hopes of Norwich, surprise League leaders for much of the first half of the season.

Liverpool, who face city neighbours Everton away tomorrow, have two games in hand and would be on terms with the leaders if they win both in the tightest title race in years.

Liverpool played Scotland's Celtic on Sunday in their first game since 95 people died at their FA Cup semifinal against Nottingham Forest in Sheffield on April 15.

Arsenal, themselves in action for the first time since the day of the Sheffield tragedy, quickly seized control against Norwich, who are still third in the table but trail the leaders by 11 points having failed to win in seven games.

Winterburn scored after 15 minutes and Smith added the second eight minutes before half-time, latching on to a massive clearance by goalkeeper John Lukic and swivelling to sweep a spectacular 20-metre shot inside the right-hand post.

Thomas made it 3-0 nine minutes after the interval. Smith nabbed his second nine minutes from the end and Rocastle pounced for the fifth within 60 seconds of the restart.

Smith, celebrating a return

three weeks after fracturing a cheek-bone, took his tally for the season to 23 goals and was named Man of the Match.

Norwich manager Dave Stringer reckons Arsenal will take a lot of stopping in their bid for the title. "On that form they must have a real chance of walking away with it. We were totally outplayed and outthought. We were also - rans," he said.

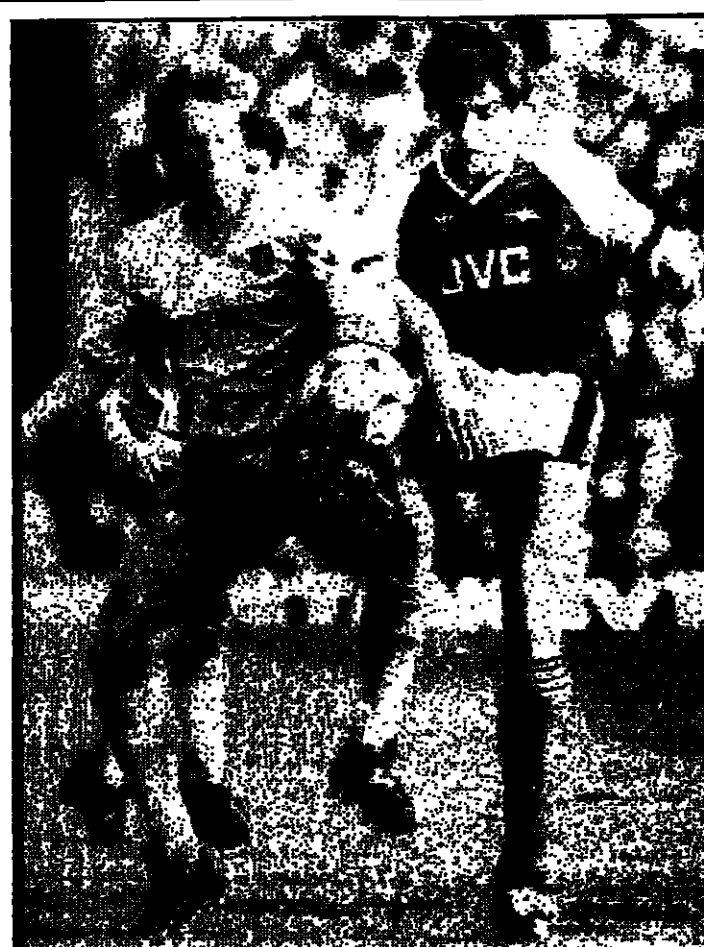
Arsenal manager George Graham was delighted with his side's best win of the season. "We can play better than that and have done on a few occasions this season. But it was good quality finishing and there was some excellent work in defence as well," he said.

Maidstone United gained League status and a place in the Fourth Division when they were guaranteed promotion from the Minor Conference League as nearest rivals Kettering were beaten 1-0 by Enfield.

Shrewsbury were relegated from the Second Division when they went down 1-0 at Swindon and fellow-strugglers Brighton and Hull drew 1-1.

### Results

English Division One		
Arsenal	5	Norwich 0
English Division Two		
Barnsley	1	Oxford 0
Birmingham	1	Bradford 0
Brighton	1	Hull 1
Chelsea	2	Stoke 1
Leeds	1	Walsall 0
Manchester C	1	Crystal 1
Plymouth	0	Leicester 1
Swindon	0	Sheff Wed 1
Watford	0	Sunderland 1
West Brom	3	Portsmouth 0
Blackburn	2	Bournemouth 0
Leicester	1	Oldham 2



Alan Smith (right) and Norwich's Trevor Putney battle for the ball. (Reuters wirephoto)

English Division Three		
Blackpool	4	Gillingham 1
Bolton	3	Huddersfield 1
Bristol R	1	Southend 1
Cardiff		
Cardiff	0	Chesterfield 1
Reading	0	Fulham 0
Sheff U	1	Aldershot 0
English Division Four		
Rotherham	4	21 15 8 73 34 78
Tranmere	4	20 14 10 71 52 74
Southport	4	20 14 10 71 52 74
Scarborough	4	20 14 10 71 52 74
Crawley	4	20 14 10 71 52 74
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Peterborough	4	20 14 10 71 52 74
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Hull	4	20 14 10 71 52 74
Doncaster	4	20 14 10 71 52 74
Colchester	4	20 14 10 71 52 74
Darlington	4	20 14 10 71 52 74

## Scientists hope to solve 50-year riddle

Top Australian horse may have died from arsenic poisoning

SYDNEY, Australia, May 2, (AP): More than 50 years after legendary Australian racehorse Phar Lap died mysteriously in California, scientists are preparing to try to solve one of the racing world's most enduring mysteries.

Scientists today said they plan tests on hairs and other minute samples of the horse's preserved body to find out if it died from arsenic poisoning. Many Australian racing old-timers believe the virtually unbeatable horse was deliberately poisoned by US criminals.

"It's a bit like trying to solve a 57-year-old murder," said Stephen Cordner, head of the Melbourne pathology unit who is conducting the tests with toxicology colleague Olaf Drummer.

"It'll be a bit like taking a piece from the shroud of Turin," Cordner said. "The tests would be routine if they

were human, but I have not worked with animal tissue this old."

He said advances in technology made it possible to discover if the horse died from arsenic poisoning and whether it was administered over a long period.

Renewed interest in New Zealand-bred Phar Lap follows the revelations last month that his longtime handler went to his grave in 1985 haunted by the fear he may have accidentally poisoned the gelding.

Phar Lap was so revered in Australia that his body was shipped back to Australia for display in the Melbourne museum, where to this day it is the star attraction.

The 1932 death of Phar Lap distressed Australians who were short of heroes during the great depression.

"Phar Lap was a larger-than-life character in the era

of the great depression," said the Melbourne Sun newspaper today. "He could do things no other horse could. When he died, Phar Lap was the benchmark by which all other horses would be judged."

In an unmatched week in 1930, Phar Lap won the Melbourne Stakes on the Saturday, the Melbourne Cup on the Tuesday, the Linlithgow Stakes on the Thursday and the Fisher Plate on the Saturday.

Officially Phar Lap died from acute enteritis after eating grass that had been sprayed with a toxic weed killer on a property in Southern California. But trainer Tommy Woodcock disputed that, saying he always fed the animal with grass he picked himself.

Woodcock, according to a lead article in the Melbourne

Age newspaper last month, was haunted for 50 years by the fear that he was responsible for the horse's death.

"He never ever forgave himself," a close friend was quoted as saying.

The newspaper said Woodcock believed he accidentally gave Phar Lap too much of an arsenic-based tonic to stimulate the horse's appetite after the rigours of the voyage to the United States.

"The clues to racing's most fascinating who-dunnit have been on display for 50 years," the Melbourne Sun said. "The tests will provide the answer to racing's most engrossing mystery. Everyone is curious about the outcome."

Melbourne museum spokesman John Mansfield told the Associated Press results of the tests were expected in about three weeks.



Robinson

Broad

## Cook helps Somerset hold Glamorgan to draw

LONDON, May 2, (Reuters): South African opener Jimmy Cook hit a fluent 79 yesterday as Somerset held out for a draw against Glamorgan on the fourth and final day of their county championship match at Taunton.

Cook, playing his first county season, hit eight fours and the victory target of 193 was looked possible when he was at the crease. But after he became left-arm spinner Phil North's third victim, Somerset were content to play for the draw and finished on 152 for six. The home side had been set 193 to win after Glamorgan declared their second innings at 260 for nine.

Nottinghamshire's England opener Tim Robinson and Chris Broad hit unbeaten half-centuries at Old Trafford but won few friends among the Lancashire faithful on the final day of their four-day match.

Skipper Robinson hit 77 and Broad scored 56 not out as Nottinghamshire compiled 147 for no wicket in their second innings, but the pair never made a serious attempt on a victory target of 268 from 55 overs. "I'm very surprised at what happened," Lancashire skipper David Hughes said. "I think Lancashire would have had a bloody good go if we had been in a similar position."

Robinson replied: "We thought it was possible when we started. But they bowled quite well and it proved too stiff a target."

### Results

At Hove: Sussex v Kent match drawn. Kent 234 in 83.4 overs and 252 for two declared (T. Ward 87 not out, M. Benson 74 not out, S. Hinks 56). Sussex 361 in 118.4 overs. Sussex 7 points Kent 5.

At Old Trafford: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire match drawn. Lancashire 300 for six declared in 92.1 overs and 250 for seven declared (G. Mendis 81 not out, W. Hegg 50). Nottinghamshire 283 for nine declared in 109 overs and 147 for no wicket (T. Robinson 77 not out, C. Broad 56 not out). Lancashire 7 points Nottinghamshire 5.

At Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan match drawn. Glamorgan 118 in 70.2 overs and 260 for nine declared (M. Cann 65, G. Rose four for 64). Somerset 186 in 93.1 overs and 152 for six (S. Cook 79). Somerset 5 points Glamorgan 4.

At the Oval: Surrey v Hampshire match drawn. Hampshire 198 in 69.3 overs and 215 for one declared (P. Terry 88, C. Smith 94 not out). Surrey 219 in 73.4 overs and 128 for six. Surrey 6 points Hampshire 5.

## Richards' incident may fire W. Indies

India's hopes rest on Vengsarkar

KINGSTON, May 2, (Reuters): West Indies angered by Viv Richards' controversial dismissal on the third day of the fourth and final cricket Test against India, seem likely to make short work of their opponents when play resumed today.

India, already two wickets down, trail West Indies by 63 runs in their second innings. On Sunday Richards ended a depressing sequence of low scores with his first century ever at Sabina Park.

But after scoring a brilliant 110, he was given out caught behind in a decision which infuriated the West Indian skipper and sparked a bout of bottle throwing which halted the match for 25 minutes.

Television replays appeared to confirm that wicket-keeper Kiran More had claimed a catch when the ball had flicked Richards' right pad.

Richards pointed his bat at More as he stormed from the field and his reaction helped fuel the ire of sections of the Sabina Park crowd who began throwing bottles and cans.

But to his credit Richards then walked around the ground to calm the crowd and help defuse a potentially dangerous situation.

The Sabina Park crowd has a reputation for being highly volatile when unhappy about events on the field.

In the 1968 Test against England, play was held up for 75 minutes and 10 years later spectators invaded the pitch in the Test against Australia.

India's faint hopes rest mainly on skipper Dilip Vengsarkar, who has had a poor series but remains the one player with the technique to counter the fearsome West Indian pace attack.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Tivim soccer

M.U.C. meet Salgado in the final of Tivim Centre's 2nd annual 9-a-side. Inter Village Football Tournament, sponsored by New India Assurance Co., at the Sour grounds on May 4. The game will start at 5:15 pm. Vijay Kapur, president on N.I.A.C., will be the chief guest on the occasion.

#### IOC chief

BARCELONA, Spain, May 2, (AP): International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Juan Antonio Samaranch today prepared to leave a clinic after five days of treatment for a bleeding colon ulcer, a clinic spokesman said.

#### Swedish striker

STOCKHOLM, May 2, (Reuters): Sweden suffered a new setback ahead of their World Cup qualifying clash against Poland in Stockholm next Sunday when top striker Stefan Pettersson pulled out with a knee injury.

#### Dutch coach

AMSTERDAM, May 2, (Reuters): Real Madrid's outgoing Dutch coach Leo Beenhakker will sign a two-year contract as manager of Ajax Amsterdam later this month, a spokesman for the club said yesterday.

#### Rijkard released

MILAN, Italy, May 2, (Reuters): Frank Rijkard, a Dutch defender, was released from hospital yesterday after being carried off on a stretcher during the match against local rivals Internazionale on Sunday.

#### Centenary matches

EDINBURGH, May 2, (Reuters): Scottish players will be allowed to accept invitations to play in South Africa's Rugby Union centenary matches this year, Scotland Rugby Union secretary Bill Hogg said yesterday.

#### Winning note

LONDON, May 2, (Reuters): Simon Sherwood, who partnered Desert Orchid to the Cheltenham Gold Cup in March, ended his career on a winning note yesterday when he rode Knightland to victory in the Handicap Hurdle at Haydock.

#### Kentucky job

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J., May 2, (Reuters): P.J. Carlesimo, who guided unfashionable Seton Hall to the NCAA final, yesterday turned down an offer to take over as coach of Kentucky, one of the top names in college basketball.

#### Johnson's doctor

TORONTO, May 2, (Reuters): Ben Johnson's doctor bought large quantities of steroids for a rancher in St Kitts to increase the size of cattle used for human consumption, a Canadian inquiry into drugs in sport heard yesterday.

#### Nabisco tennis

MUNICH, West Germany, May 2, (AP): Roberto Azar of Argentina defeated Michael Robertson of the United States 4-6, 7-6, 7-6 in a first-round match at the \$205,000 Nabisco men's tennis tournament yesterday.

#### O'Reilly quits

BOSTON, May 2, (AP): Terry O'Reilly resigned yesterday after nearly three seasons as the Boston Bruins' coach, saying he wished to spend more time with his family. "To do your best at this job takes total, total commitment," O'Reilly said at a news conference. "I recognise that and I have to say, 'no right now.'"

RESULTS of the Westminster System 17 bridge tournament held at the Regency Hotel on April 30:

1. Adly Taha & Ahmed Hneidi  
2. Izzedin & Alain Moussell  
Sharing 3rd: Jaya Sapre & Narendra Shah and Frederique & Gerard Aslar

Results of the Messiah Ladies Bridge Club game held on May 1:  
1. Nabil Alavi & Lolli Murthwaite  
2. Margaret Maynard & Andrea Goodridge  
3. Martha Griffiths & Helen Hughes

Results of the SAS Bridge Club game played on May 30:  
1st Margaret Rob-Whitaker & Nicole Iskander  
2nd Mandy Clarke & Margaret Maynard  
3rd Suzanne Cattermole & Clara Bastiere

## DeBie cruises to victory in Spring Series

Abdul Rahman takes second place



Some of the windsurfers in action on the final day. (Photo by Jane Kelly)

names to the local market. Al Boom Trading are supplying a Tiga Swift to Owen Waters while they await the delivery of the

latest Tiga Prestige Race. Qabazard Marine in addition to supplying Abdul are providing a Fanatic Viper to James Morgan.

Much is expected of these two young sailors who should do well with their new equipment. The Summer Series should see



# Bruguera stuns Goldie

McEnroe dominates opening day

NEW YORK, May 2, (Reuters): Little-known Sergio Bruguera of Spain sprung an upset yesterday in the \$602,500 Tournament of Champions tennis tournament, but there were more fans watching John McEnroe practise.

Bruguera took the first set 6-3 from 12th seed Dan Goldie of the United States, then after a rain delay completed the rout in light drizzle by racing through the second set 6-1.

Eleventh-seeded Brazilian Luiz Mattar, one of a large contingent of South American clay court specialists here, needed four match points to finish off compatriot Danilo Marcelino 7-6 (7-1) 7-5.

Argentine Javier Frana eliminated 1988 junior champion Nicolas Pereira of Venezuela 6-2 6-2 just before the rain, which has become an opening day tradition over the past four years.

With the top eight seeds absent after receiving first-round byes, the unexpected appearance of McEnroe highlighted a lacklustre opening day.

McEnroe, who is not playing singles in the tournament, worked out with younger brother Patrick, with whom he will play doubles.

McEnroe, in an informal post-practice interview from the patio steps of the West Side Tennis Club

clubhouse, was happy to discuss his comeback efforts.

"I feel good about where I am right now," he said. "I'm happy with the way I've progressed," said the former world number one whose ranking dropped to 25 last year following a seven-month layoff, but is now back up to seven.

"It's nice to start to see the results (of hard work). It doesn't bother me that it took this long. In a way it's better when you've struggled," said McEnroe, who called himself a "solid longshot" to win the French Open.

Although critical of the short, two-week gap between the end of the French Open and the beginning of Wimbledon and of grass court tournaments in general, McEnroe believed he had a realistic chance to win his fourth Wimbledon singles title.

"If I can get some decent practice I think I can win," he said.

But the 30-year-old McEnroe, who will play a special event in the Netherlands and the Rome Grand Prix tournament before heading to Roland Garros, admitted that it took him more time these days to get ready for the big events.

"I think Grand Slams are made for the younger players," said the four-time US Open champion.

## Richmond named Rookie of the Year

OAKLAND, Calif., May 2, (AP): Mitch Richmond, who overcame coach Don Nelson's aversion to rookies and helped Golden State post the fourth most improved record in NBA history, was named Rookie of the Year yesterday.

The Warriors' first-round draft choice from Kansas State, Richmond played his way into the starting lineup early in the pre-season and averaged 22 points per game, 16th best in the NBA, along with 5.9 rebounds and 4.2 assists.

"He's as good as anybody that I've ever coached," said Nelson, who had all-NBA players Marques Johnson and Sidney Moncrief during 11 years as coach of the Milwaukee Bucks.

## Davis crushes Parrott

SHEFFIELD, England, May 2, (Reuters): Steve Davis trounced fellow-Briton John Parrott 18-3 yesterday to clinch his third successive World Snooker Championship and win the title a record-equalling sixth time.

Davis, 13-3 up after Sunday's two sessions, swept through the next five frames to complete the biggest world championship final win in the game's modern-day history. It surpassed his own 18-6 destruction of Canadian Cliff Thorburn in 1983.

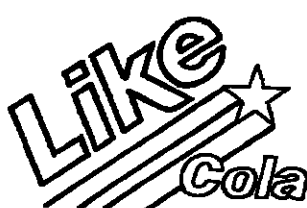
Davis played near-perfect snooker to match compatriot Ray Reardon's feat of capturing the world crown six times in the past two decades during which the game has grown in popular appeal.

"It is probably one of my greatest victories. Today it's my day. I'm sure there are going to be other days for John," Davis said.

"I did my job as well as I could possibly have dreamed. To pull out all the stops and produce the standard of play that I have must rate as one of my greatest achievements. I've played the best snooker of my career."

Parrott felt understandably deflated. "I played like a slow puncture," he said. "I started badly and got progressively worse. When I got to the final I ran out of puff. There was nothing there."

"With me not playing anywhere near my best and Davis playing exceptionally well, you have the recipe for 18-3. Davis overpowered me. It's as simple as that."



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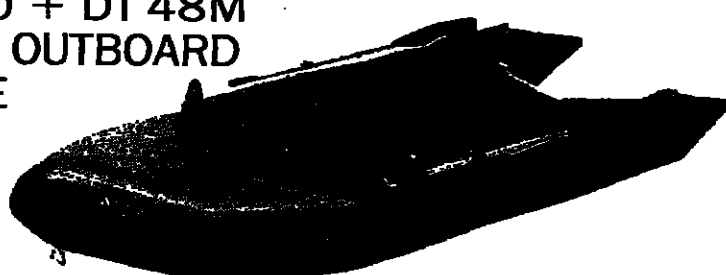


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